



World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 6

Chapter 11: Commonwealth of Australia

Section 1: The Geography of Australia

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Australia is unique in that it is both a _____ and a country.
2. Australia is surrounded by the _____ Ocean on the east and the _____ Ocean on the west.
3. Australia's geography is unique in that it is the only country on the world's _____ and _____ continent. It is also the _____ continent, other than Antarctica.
4. The largest part of Australia is _____. Little _____ falls in the central part of the country.
5. The _____ areas of Australia are the most highly populated. Most people live along the _____ coast.
6. The term _____ refers specifically to Australia's dry interior. The _____ is mainly open countryside, including vast areas of grazing land.
7. _____ have always been important to Australian trade.
8. Another of Australia's natural resources is _____ land. There are enough areas with good _____ and rainfall to make farming an important business.
9. The best way to visualize Australia is to think of huge _____ plains stretching across the country's middle. There are milder _____ along the southeastern and southwestern coasts.

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10. Most of Australia is located on the continent's mainland, but Australia also includes _____, a large island south of the mainland, and several other _____ in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
11. The _____ Reef is the world's largest coral reef, and it lies a short distance off the northeast coast of Queensland.
12. The _____ Sea, an important source of coral for the Great Barrier Reef, is part of the Pacific Ocean.
13. At almost the exact center of the continent a reddish _____ towers out of the flatlands. This rock is a monolith called _____.
14. Southwest of _____ are the states of South Australia and Western Australia, home of the _____ Desert.