Australia
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The story step by step

1. Listen to Welcome to Australia (from ‘Between 1788 …’ to ‘... as Western Europe.’). List the names of the six states and two territories that you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.6 of the book or in the answer key.

Queensland

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2. Listen to Chapter 1 (from ‘The island continent ...’ to ‘... and plant life.’). Complete the text with the missing information you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.8 of the book or in the answer key.

The island continent of Australia lies between the Indian and Pacific Oceans in the region of ____________ in the southern hemisphere. It is often described as the Earth’s largest ____________ but smallest ____________ (the other continents are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, ____________ and Europe, in order of size from largest to smallest). It is also the lowest, the ____________ and, apart from Antarctica, the driest continent. The country is ____________ and varied in every way – in climate, landscape, people, history, ____________ and animal and plant life.

3. Listen to the next section of Chapter 1 (from ‘Australia’s way of life ...’ to ‘... the climate is temperate.’). Complete the text with the missing percentages you hear. Check your answers on p.9 of the book or in the answer key.

Australia’s way of life has traditionally been influenced by European culture, but today Australian society is multicultural: in 2011, about ____________ % of the population had been born in the UK, ____________ % in New Zealand, ____________ % in China, just over ____________ % in India and ____________ % in Italy. More than ____________ % of Australians live near or on the coast, and ____________ % of the population live in urban areas (towns or cities), which makes Australia one of the most urbanized countries in the world.
Climate
About ______ % of the country is very dry and nearly ______ % of the country is desert. Most of the desert areas are in the centre and in the west. Parts of northern Australia are tropical and have heavy rainfall in the summer, but are dry in the winter. In the south-east and the south-west corners the climate is temperate.

4 Listen to Chapter 1 (from ‘New Zealand is probably ...’ to ‘... the All Blacks.’). Match the beginnings of the sentences you hear (1–11) with the ends (a–k). The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.16 of the book or in the answer key.

| 1 The North Island and the South Island | a is the largest active volcano. |
| 2 The capital city Wellington | b are called Māoris. |
| 3 White Island volcano | c is at the southern end of the North Island. |
| 4 Earthquakes are very common because the country | d from islands in Polynesia near Tahiti. |
| 5 The native people of New Zealand | e who named it Nieuw Zeeland after a region in the Netherlands. |
| 6 They first arrived in the islands by boat in AD 1000 | f is rugby. |
| 7 They named the country Aotearoa, | g are separated by the Cook Strait. |
| 8 In the 1600s, it was visited by the Dutch, | h live in New Zealand. |
| 9 In 1907, | i which means ‘The Land of the Long White Cloud’. |
| 10 Today, just over four million people | j is on the edge of two tectonic plates. |
| 11 The most popular sport | k it became part of the British Empire. |

5 Listen to Chapter 2 (from ‘About 40,000 ...’ to ‘... language and territory.’). Write what happened on each of these dates. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.17–18 of the book or in the answer key.

| 1 40,000 years ago | The first people arrived in Australia. |
| 2 34,000 years ago |
| 3 20,000 years ago |
| 4 12,000 years ago |
| 5 8,000 years ago |
| 6 in the 18th century |
Listen to Chapter 2 (from ‘Social Structure ...’ to ‘... ceremonies and rituals.’). Match the words with the definitions. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.20 of the book or in the answer key.

1 band — a these people share the same language and customs
2 clan — b this is one of the two groups in a tribe
3 family group — c people who share the same totem
d a number of groups of families in the same territory
5 totemic group — e two or more families
6 tribe — f a man and his wife or wives and children

Listen to Chapter 3 (from ‘The native cultures ...’ to ‘... 6,000 years old.’). Put the words into the correct column according to their stress patterns. The first one is an example. Check your answers in a dictionary or in the answer key.

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Listen to Chapter 5 (from ‘In the Middle Ages ...’ to ‘... a penal settlement.’). Complete the sentences from the chapter with the correct verbs below. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.31–32 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Europeans did not know for sure that the continent of Australia existed.
2 They ___________ that a ‘Great Southern Land’, or Terra Australis _______________.
3 Many years before in the 2nd century AD, the Greek mathematician Ptolemy _______________ that there was land to the south of the Indian Ocean.
4 In the 15th century, Terra Australis _______________ to appear on world maps as a large area of land.
5 The first recorded discoveries of the Australian continent by Europeans _______ in 1606.
6 European ships _______________ a few more visits to the continent before the British government _______________ Captain Cook in 1768 to go and _______________ the ‘Great Southern Land’.
7 On 23rd August 1770, following the orders of the British government, he _______________ the region he _______________ just _______________ for Britain.
8 There were several reasons why Great Britain ______________ in having Australia as part of its Empire.

9 A base for British merchant ships in the Pacific ______________ and ______________ this trade.

10 Another reason was because it ______________ to establish a colony for convicts there, known as a penal settlement.

Listen to Chapter 5 (from ‘Nearly half of Australia’s mammals, …‘ to ‘... Ollie the kookaburra.’). List all the animals that you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.41–43 of the book or in the answer key.

1 kangaroo
2 ________________
3 ________________
4 ________________
5 ________________
6 ________________
7 ________________
8 ________________
9 ________________
10 ________________
11 ________________
12 ________________
13 ________________

Listen to Chapter 6 (from ‘Until the middle of ...’ to ‘... meat or fish to cook.’). Circle all the foods and drinks you hear. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.48–50 of the book or in the answer key.

apple
beef
bread
butter
cheese
chicken
chocolate
coffee
echidna
fish
honey
kakadu plum
oranges
pasta
pear
pineapple
pizza
rabbit
rice
snake
tea
water
witchetty grubs
wheat
wombat
11 Listen to Chapter 7 (from ‘Watching films ...’ to ‘... starred Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.’). Put these films in the correct date order (not the order that you hear them). Then listen again and write the correct date. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.55–56 of the book or in the answer key.

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12 Listen to Chapter 9 (from ‘Sport is an important ...’ to ‘... the history of Australian sport.’). Complete the missing information about sport in Australia. The first one is an example. Check your answers on pp.61–67 of the book or in the answer key.

1 **Australian rules football**

   Australian rules football is played with an oval ball on an ___________ field. The game was invented in ___________ and the first match was played in July ___________. The Australian Football League (AFL) has _______ teams, and most of them come from the state of ___________. The AFL Grand ___________ is on the last ___________ in ___________ or the first ___________ in ___________.

2 **Cricket and The Ashes series**

   Cricket started to become a popular sport in the ___________, and the first cricket club began in the ___________. In 1861–62 an English team sailed to Australia and played their first match on ___________ 1862. In 1868 an ___________ team, all ___________, played a match in London. In 1882 Australia ___________ England for the first time and the ___________ shocked England. One journalist wrote, ‘English cricket ___________ at The Oval. The body will be ___________ and the ___________ taken to Australia.'
3 Tennis and the Australian Open

The first recorded tennis ______________ took place at the Melbourne ______________ Club. Then Australian players started competing in ______________ tournaments. The ______________ Open started in 1905 and changed its name to the ______________ Open in 1969. The tournament is held at the Rod Laver ______________. Rod Laver was one of Australia's ______________ tennis players.

4 Horse racing and the Melbourne Cup

The most ______________ horse race in Australia is the Melbourne Cup. It is known as ‘the race that stops a ______________’. It takes place on the first ______________ in ______________, at 3.20 p.m. People everywhere stop to listen to the ______________ or watch it on ______________.

5 Surfing

Surfing is a ______________ Australian sport. However, the ______________ around Australia can be ______________ for surfers. In 2012 there were five ______________ from ______________ attacks in Western Australia. The box ______________ and the irukandji ______________ have also caused several ______________ over the years.

6 The 2000 Summer Olympics

The 2000 Summer Olympics were held in ______________. Team Australia took ______________ place in the Olympic medal table with ______________ medals. The ______________ of carrying the Australian ______________ at the closing ______________ was given to one of the group’s youngest members, the 17-year-old ______________ Ian Thorpe.

Listen to Chapter 10 (from ‘A man with an unusual talent’ to ‘... this amazing country.’). Complete the text with the correct verbs in the correct form. The first one is an example. Check your answers on p.81 of the book or in the answer key.

Finally, a famous Australian who ______________ a popular TV personality after his series of documentary films about crocodiles ______________ first ______________ on Australian TV in 1996 – the wildlife expert and environmentalist, Steve Irwin.

Irwin ______________ from a family of animal lovers. His parents’ hobby ______________ after injured animals and in 1970 they both ______________ their jobs so that they ______________ a small reptile park in Queensland. His father Bob ______________ all the crocodiles and snakes for the park himself and, when he ______________ his son was interested in reptiles too, ______________ him how to do it. Steve was just nine years old when he ______________ his first crocodile!

Steve ______________ the park in 1991, changing the name to Australia Zoo. In the same year he ______________ Terri Raines, an American wildlife expert, who he ______________ eight months later. They ______________ to spend the first weeks of their married life catching crocodiles and ______________ a camera crew to film them doing it. The film later ______________ the first part of their popular television series The Crocodile Hunter. The shows ______________ later ______________ by millions of people all around the world and Steve ______________ to make a full-length film and several other TV films about crocodiles.
Sadly, in 2006 Irwin ____________ by a stingray while filming in the sea near the northern Queensland coast.

Australia ____________ often ____________ to as ‘The Lucky Country’ and there are plenty of reasons why that ____________ true. It ____________ friendly people, a good climate, interesting and unique wildlife, beautiful beaches, healthy natural food, a huge amount of important natural resources and a rich cultural and sports calendar. It ____________ not surprising that Australians ____________ very proud of their country and their heritage, and ____________ the lives they ____________ in this amazing country!