Australia
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A Before Reading

1. What do you know about Australia? Think about the geography, history, its inhabitants, sport and traditions. Make notes about your ideas.

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2. Look at these pictures from the book. What do they show? What do you know about these things?

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Check your answers as you read.
B  While Reading

3  There are a lot of important dates in the book. Match the years with the events on the right. The first one is an example.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 1606</td>
<td>a The first official settlement was established in Western Australia.</td>
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<td>2 1768</td>
<td>b Australia was in the First World War.</td>
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<td>3 1788</td>
<td>c The Olympic Games took place in Sydney.</td>
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<td>4 1849</td>
<td>d The first prison ship arrived in Australia.</td>
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<td>5 1851</td>
<td>e The Australian Prime Minister apologized to the Aboriginal people.</td>
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<td>6 1914</td>
<td>f There was a bad earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand.</td>
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<td>7 1973</td>
<td>g A Spanish and a Dutch ship reached the Australian coast.</td>
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<td>8 2000</td>
<td>h The Sydney Opera House opened.</td>
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<td>9 2008</td>
<td>i The British government sent Captain Cook to claim Australia for the King.</td>
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<td>10 2011</td>
<td>j Edward Hargraves announced that he had discovered gold.</td>
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4  Match the Big Things with their locations.

1 The Big Banana | a Humpty Doo, Northern Territory
2 The Big Boxing Crocodile | b Sarina, Queensland
3 The Big Cane Toad | c Glenrowan, Victoria
4 The Big Merino | d Kingston SE, South Australia
5 The Big Ned Kelly | e Goulbourn, New South Wales
6 The Big Pineapple | f Coff’s Harbour, New South Wales
7 Larry the Lobster | g Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Check your answers in Chapter 9.

C  After Reading

5  Find ten words from the book in the wordsearch.

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P  F  E  A  T  H  E  R  M  M
X  E  R  U  P  T  I  O  N  A
D  D  Y  P  A  T  O  Q  S  S
T  E  M  P  E  R  A  T  E  C
F  R  V  W  H  T  B  C  I  O
C  A  R  V  E  R  X  N  H  T
W  T  R  O  P  I  C  A  L  K
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Choose five of the words above and write sentences showing their meaning.

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6 This book gives you a lot of information about Australia. Choose one of the chapter titles and write information about your own country. Write between 100 and 150 words.