

## Year 2 – Summer Term Geography – What is it like Down Under?

### Vocabulary and Glossary

Human feature	Things that are man made
Physical feature	Things that are there naturally and have not been made by people
Coral	Small, marine animals that stay in one place and produce a hard skeleton
Reef	A jagged ridge of rock, coral or sand just above or below the surface of the sea
Desert	A large place with very little rainfall – very few plants or animals live there
Vegetation	Plants or plant life in a particular place
Aborigine	One of the first people to live in Australia a long time ago
Continent	A large solid area of land containing a number of countries
Marsupial	A group of mammals that carry their young in a pouch – kangaroo, koala, wallabies
Weather pattern	When the weather stays the same for days or weeks at a time often linked to the season
Territory	An area of land which belongs to a country but might be run differently to other areas

### Where is Australia?

Australia is a large island located in the southern hemisphere in the continent of Australia. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Southern Ocean. It is split into 5 territories.



### What is the weather like in Australia?

- Australia has different weather patterns across different parts of the country.
- In the north where rainforests can be found, it is generally warmer and can be hot and humid. There is a wet and a dry season.
- In the centre of the country, it can be very hot and dry.
- In the south, the weather is calmer and has 4 seasons.
- Australia can have some extreme weather such as droughts, heatwaves and floods.



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## What are the physical and human features of Australia?



Human Features	Physical Features
Cities – Sydney, Perth, Canberra, Melbourne	The Great Barrier Reef
Sydney Harbour Bridge	The Blue Mountains
Sydney Opera House	Whitsunday Islands
	Ayers Rock/Uluru
	The Outback/the Bush
	Rainforest

## What is it like to live in Sydney?



## How is Australia different to the UK?

- Australia has different types of weather patterns across the country. In the UK, weather patterns are similar across the country
- When it is nighttime here, it is daytime in Australia
- Native people called Aborigines still live in communities in Australia
- We have the 4 seasons at different times – when it is winter here, it is summer there.
- There are different physical features in Australia such as rainforests and the Great Barrier Reef

## What is a bushfire and how does it affect life in Australia?

Bushfires are large fires which spread across the dry landscape. They can quickly get out of control and easily spread. They can damage people's homes and habitats as well as kill the wildlife, including many marsupials.

