

THE GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES OF AUSTRALIA



- 180 million years ago, Australia was part of a large supercontinent called Gondwana which was made up of Australia, New Zealand, India, Madagascar, South America, Africa and Antarctica.



- The largest mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciuszko, at 2,228 metres above sea level, it is a fold mountain.



- The Great Victorian Desert is Australia's largest desert. 35% of Australia is also covered in desert.



- Australia sits on top one of the fastest-moving tectonic plates in the world, moving about seven centimetres north-east every year

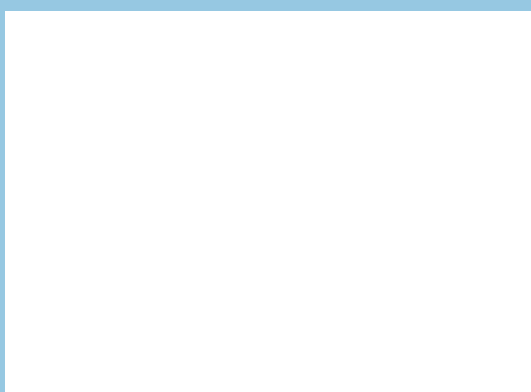


- The longest river of Australia is the Murray River, it is 2,508 km long and provides water for 1.5 million homes.



- Australia is an island surrounded by the Indian and the Pacific Ocean. It is the 6th largest country in the world.

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You might want to use these questions as a guideline whilst doing your research?

1. Where is your city/country located on the world map?
2. What is the largest mountain closest to where you live and how was it formed?
3. Is the place where you live predominantly covered with forests, ice, mountains, deserts or grassland?
4. Which tectonic plate does your country sit upon? Is it currently moving and in which direction?
5. What is the longest river closest to where you live and what kind of work does this river do?
6. What are some special and interesting facts about the country where you live?



Remember to get your research from 3 different sources