

A scenic sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper left, casting a shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is a deep, warm orange. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a kangaroo is captured in mid-leap, moving from left to right. The overall mood is peaceful and evocative of the Australian landscape.

AUSTRALIA

LOCATION

Australia is in the **Southern Hemisphere**.

Because it is south of the equator, the **seasons** in Australia are **the opposite** of those in Europe: it's **winter** in Australia when it's **summer** in Europe.





- It's the **6th biggest country** in the world
- It's an **island**, surrounded by water.
- It's the **smallest continent** in the world



Australia is composed of **7 territories**:

Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria + Tasmania, and Papua New Guinea.



HISTORY

James Cook discovered Australia in 1770.



Britain sent **prisoners**
and **criminals** to Australia.



Native Australians. The **Aborigines** have lived in Australia for over 40,000 years. Now they only represent 1% of the population. The total population of Australia is 22 million.



CITIES



OTHER IMPORTANT CITIES



Melbourne



Brisbane



Where are the majority of important cities in Australia?



GEOGRAPHY

Uluru (Ayers Rock) is the world's largest **monolith**. It is sacred for Aborigines.

It is very popular with tourists because of its beautiful colours.



THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

Southern cross symbolizes the constellation.

Union Flag

6th British
colony.



The currency is the **Australian dollar**.



In Australia it is usually very warm, so Australians love sport and other outdoor activities. The most popular are:

scuba-diving



cricket



surfing



TYPICAL ANIMALS

Koala



Kangaroo





Sugar glider



Dingo



Platypus



Tasmanian devil

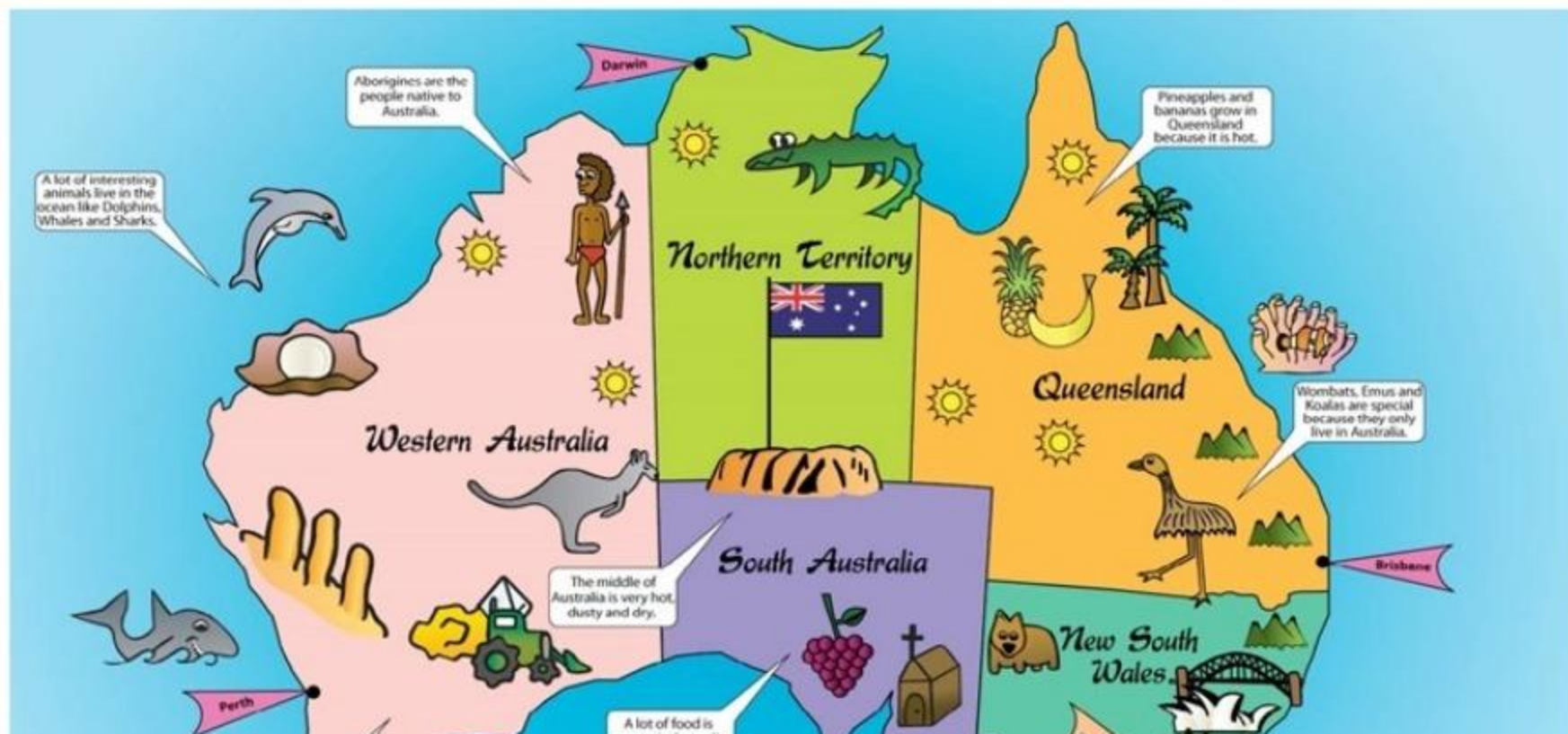


Wombat

Australia has also some very **poisonous snakes** and **spiders**. At school children have to learn first aid for snake and spider bites.



SOME AUSTRALIAN SYMBOLS



An Aborigine



Sydney Opera House



Bondi Beach, Sydney



Other names for Australia

- Oz
- Down Under



Ayers Rock or Uluru



A didgeridoo



A boomerang



Kangaroos in the Outback



The Great Barrier Reef



Nicole Kidman, actress



Kylie Minogue, singer



AC/DC, music band



Elle Macherson, model



Hugh Jackman, actor

