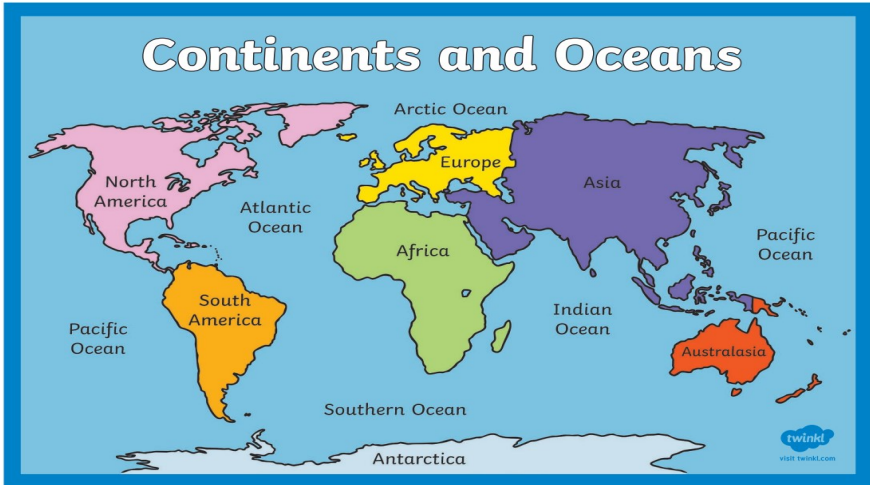
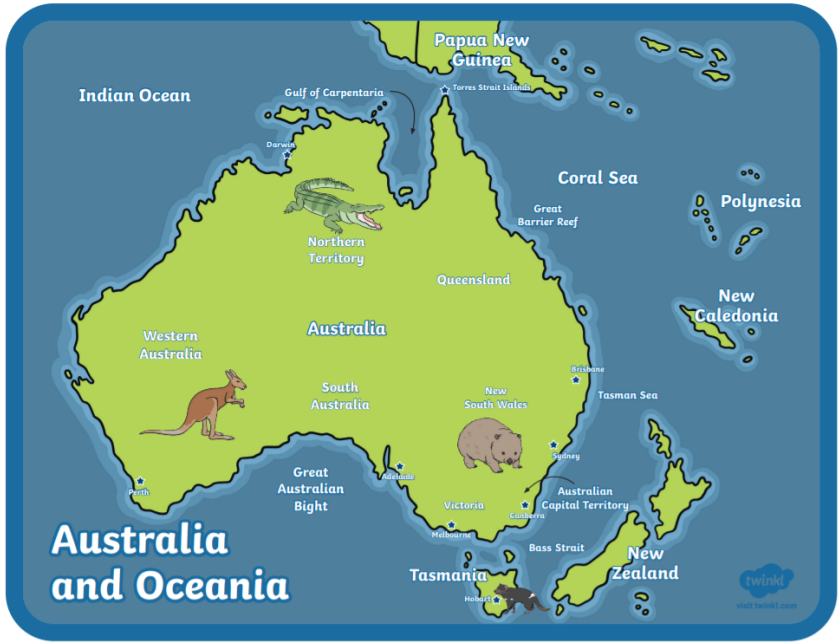
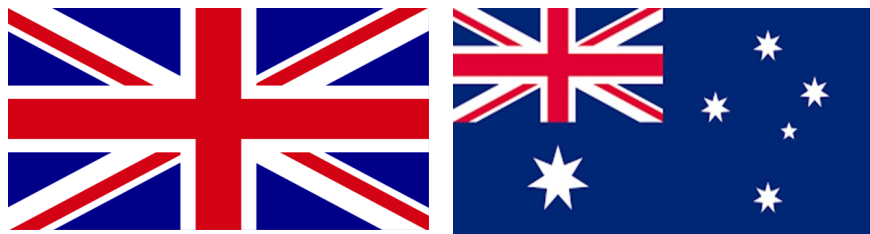


Knowledge Organiser: Journey to Oz

Can you name the seven continents of the world?



The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries. The Commonwealth is often described as a 'family' of nations. The member governments have agreed to shared goals like development, democracy and peace. The UK and Australia are both members of The Commonwealth.



Australia is both a country and a continent. Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, and the smallest continent in the world. It is almost located at the opposite side of the Earth to where the UK is, in the Southern Hemisphere. The seasons are the opposite of those in the Northern Hemisphere. When it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere (including the UK), it is winter south of the Equator.

Neighboring countries are: Papua New Guinea to the north, New Zealand to the southeast, and Indonesia to the north-west. Australia's capital city, Canberra, is located in the southeastern part of the country.

Vocabulary/Terminology

Continent: A large solid area of land. It has countries within it.

Country: An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.

UK: The United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Southern Hemisphere: The area of Earth that is south of the Equator. The Southern Hemisphere is slightly larger than the Northern Hemisphere, and has more water and fewer people.

Northern Hemisphere: The Northern Hemisphere is the half of the Earth that is north of the Equator. The Northern Hemisphere has more land, pollution, and about 90% of the people on the planet.

Equator: The imaginary circle around the earth that is halfway between the North and South Poles.

Human geography: Something made by people.

Physical geography: Something that occurred naturally.

Landmark: A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised.

Population: The number of people living in a certain place.



Landmarks

Australia is world famous for its natural wonders and wide open spaces. There are beautiful beaches and open deserts. There are many attractions in the large cities in Australia like Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest and longest coral reef system with over 1,500 species of fish and other marine life living there. The Outback refers to natural areas such as Uluru, Ayers Rock and Kata Tjuta. In the Australian outback, temperatures are extreme with the highest being about 50 degrees Celsius.

Can you discuss the similarities and differences between England and Australia?