

Australia Location Trail

Use relative location clues to find major Australian physical features.

SS6G11.a "Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: the Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea, Uluru/Ayers Rock, Indian and Pacific Oceans, Great Dividing Range, and Great Victoria Desert."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the seven required places and physical features in the passage from 1 to 7. Underline the words or phrases that tell where each one is located.

Reading Australia's Physical Map

- ① Australia is surrounded by water, so a political-physical map helps separate oceans, seas, and landforms. The Indian Ocean borders Australia to the west. The Pacific Ocean is to the east. Off the northeastern coast, the Coral Sea is part of the Pacific Ocean region. The Great Barrier Reef stretches along much of Queensland's northeastern coast in the Coral Sea. On a map, its long band lies offshore, between the Queensland coast and the open Coral Sea.
- ② Far inland, central Australia contains Uluru, also called Ayers Rock. This huge sandstone rock stands in the southern part of the Northern Territory, west of the Great Dividing Range. It is not on the coast. The Great Victoria Desert covers a broad area farther west and south of Uluru, mainly in Western Australia and South Australia. A map's land colors and physical labels help distinguish the desert's dry region from Uluru's single, well-known rock formation.
- ③ The Great Dividing Range is a chain of mountains and highlands near Australia's eastern coast. It runs roughly from the northeast toward the southeast, inside the Pacific-facing side of the continent. When locating places, use a coastline first, then find nearby water or landforms. The reef and range are both in the east, but one is in the water and one is on land. Uluru and the Great Victoria Desert are inland, while the Indian, Pacific, and Coral waters frame or border the continent.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which ocean is west of Australia, and which ocean is east of Australia?

2 Where is the Great Barrier Reef located in relation to Queensland's coast and the Coral Sea?

3 What landmark is west of the Great Dividing Range, and where is the Great Victoria Desert compared with that landmark?

4 What type of physical feature is the Great Dividing Range, and along which side of Australia does it run?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a seven-sentence map-location guide. Use each required feature once, and in each sentence give its type or a relative location.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number the seven required places and physical features in the passage from 1 to 7. Underline the words or phrases that tell where each one is located. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which ocean is west of Australia, and which ocean is east of Australia?	The Indian Ocean is west of Australia. The Pacific Ocean is east of Australia.
2	Where is the Great Barrier Reef located in relation to Queensland's coast and the Coral Sea?	It lies offshore along Queensland's northeastern coast, in the Coral Sea.
3	What landmark is west of the Great Dividing Range, and where is the Great Victoria Desert compared with that landmark?	Uluru, or Ayers Rock, is west of the Great Dividing Range. The Great Victoria Desert is farther west and south of Uluru.
4	What type of physical feature is the Great Dividing Range, and along which side of Australia does it run?	It is a chain of mountains and highlands near Australia's eastern coast. It runs roughly from the northeast toward the southeast.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Indian Ocean is west of Australia. The Pacific Ocean is east of Australia. The Coral Sea is off northeastern Australia. The Great Barrier Reef is offshore along Queensland's northeastern coast in the Coral Sea. The Great Dividing Range follows the eastern side from northeast toward southeast. Uluru, or Ayers Rock, is an inland sandstone rock west of the range. The Great Victoria Desert is farther west and south of Uluru.

Accept equivalent accurate directional language, such as east of Queensland for the Coral Sea or on the eastern side for the Great Dividing Range. In Part 3, accept seven accurate sentences that use all required features and give a valid type or relative-location clue for each.