

Australia Location Clues

Use place names and direction words to locate Australian features.

SS6G11 "Locate selected features of Australia."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each place name and circle each word or phrase that tells where a place is located.

Finding Features Across Australia

- ① Australia is both a country and a continent in the Southern Hemisphere. The Indian Ocean lies west of it, and the Pacific Ocean lies east. The Coral Sea, part of the Pacific, is off the northeast coast. The state of Western Australia covers the western third of the mainland. Queensland occupies much of the northeast. Tasmania is an island state south of the mainland, separated by Bass Strait. Learning where these places are helps travelers describe Australia with clear direction words.
- ② The Outback is not one exact bordered place. It is a broad term for Australia's dry, sparsely populated interior, especially far from the coasts. Much of it lies in the central and western mainland. The Great Victoria Desert is in Western Australia and South Australia, west of the continent's center. Uluru, a large sandstone rock, stands in the southern part of the Northern Territory. It is north of South Australia and east of Western Australia.
- ③ Australia's eastern side has several important physical features. The Great Dividing Range runs along much of the eastern coast, from northern Queensland through New South Wales toward Victoria. Just offshore in northeastern Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef stretches in the Coral Sea. The Murray River begins in the Australian Alps near southeastern New South Wales and flows generally westward. It forms part of the border between New South Wales and Victoria before reaching South Australia.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

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

2 In which two states is the Great Victoria Desert located? How is it positioned compared with Australia's center?

3 Locate Uluru by naming its territory and two places it is related to by direction.

4 Where is the Great Barrier Reef located in relation to Queensland and the Coral Sea?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three direction sentences for a traveler. In order, guide the traveler from Western Australia to Uluru, from Uluru to the Great Barrier Reef, and from the reef to Tasmania.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each place name and circle each word or phrase that tells where a place 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, and the Pacific Ocean is east of Australia.
2	In which two states is the Great Victoria Desert located? How is it positioned compared with Australia's center?	It is in Western Australia and South Australia. It is west of Australia's center.
3	Locate Uluru by naming its territory and two places it is related to by direction.	Uluru is in the southern Northern Territory. It is north of South Australia and east of Western Australia.
4	Where is the Great Barrier Reef located in relation to Queensland and the Coral Sea?	The Great Barrier Reef is just offshore in northeastern Queensland, in the Coral Sea.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Travel east from Western Australia to reach Uluru in the southern Northern Territory. Next, travel northeast to the Great Barrier Reef offshore from Queensland in the Coral Sea. Finally, travel south to Tasmania, crossing Bass Strait.

Accept equivalent direction words, such as northeastern for northeast, when they match the passage. For the travel directions, accept reasonable route language that correctly places each destination.