

Australia



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Basic information

- ▶ Capital: Canberra
- ▶ Largest city: Sydney
- ▶ National language: English
- ▶ Population: 24,300,000
- ▶ The neighbouring countries are Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, East Timor and New Zealand
- ▶ Area: 7,692,024 km²



History

- ▶ First Australians came across a land bridge of today's Southeast Asia
- ▶ The first European discoverer of Australia was the Dutch navigator Willem Janszoon
- ▶ In 1770 James Cook sailed to Australia
 - He took part of the territory for Britain and named it New South Wales



Political system

- ▶ Australia is a federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy
- ▶ The federal government is separated into three branches:
 - ▶ -The legislature(Parliament), the executive(Prime minister), the judiciary(the High Court of Australia)
- ▶ The queen is Elizabeth II., represented in Australia by the Governor-General



Prime
minister



Governor-General

Flag

- ▶ Color: blue, red, white
- ▶ In the left upper corner is British flag like a symbol of Commonwealth of Nations
- ▶ Large white seven-pointed star known as the Commonwealth Star



Sport



- ▶ Popular are cricket, field hockey, netball, rugby league, swimming
- ▶ Really popular are also Australian football and water sports, for example surfing



Melbourne Cricket Ground



Interesting facts

- ▶ In Australia is a lot of famous building for example Sydney Opera House
- ▶ Interesting animals:
 - ▶ - dingo
 - ▶ -koalas
 - ▶ -kangaroos
 - ▶ -platypus

