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Look at my wonderful field!





Aren't the cows big?





And what are those?





AUSTRALIA

Australia is the world's largest island and its smallest and flattest continent. *Australia is* the only continent without an active volcano.

It is the sixth largest country by total area. It is the only country which is also a whole continent. However, the population is relatively small. The people of Australia are called **Australians.**





Much of the land is **a useless desert.** Great deserts cover nearly 2 000 000 square kilometers.





Most of the continent is **sunny** most of the year.

Much of the Australian life-style revolves around the outdoors and sport. Australians like to relax actively by **bush walking, skiing, surfing, sailing, swimming,** or any other activity that takes them into the sun and open air.



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The kangaroo





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Australia has been called "the land of differences" and "the continent of contrasts". There are many ways in which it is different from other countries. The first thing most people think of are the strange native animals.



There are many wild animals in Australia. Some of them, such as

The koala



The Emu

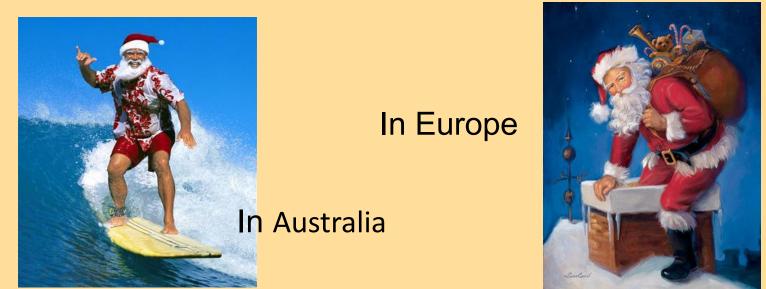


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- •Koalas are furry animals that live only in Australia, they live only in certain types of trees, called eucalyptus trees where they can eat the leaves. spend at least 16-18 hours a day sleeping.
- •The native birds of Australia are very interesting. The emu is the next-tallest bird in the world after the ostritch.



Australia is sometimes called the Land Down Under. Christmas in Australia is not like anywhere else! It marks the end of the school examinations and the start of long summer holidays.



December is one of the hottest months of the year. Santa Claus arrives at Australian beaches on a surfboard instead of sliding down a chimney!

Christmas in Australia is also celebrated in a fun way on the 25th of July. This "cold Christmas" is usually just another excuse for a get-together with friends and families, but it's becoming more and more popular!

Some words from the Australian Song

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A SWAGMAN – БРОДЯГА –

is a person who walks from town to town looking for work. People pay him with money or food.

A BILLABONG – РУКАВ РЕКИ - is a peaceful part of a river which is cut off from the rest of the river.





A COOLIBAH TREE – TEHИCTOE ДЕРЕВО –

is a large shady tree that grows near rivers and billabongs.



А BILLY – ПОХОДНЫЙ КОТЕЛОК -

is an old pot for boiling tea in, usually

on a fire.

A JUMBUCK – OBЦA - is a TUCKER – EДА - is food in Australian slang-CKER BAG is a bag the swagman carried to keep his food in.







A SQUATTER – KTO HE3AKOHHO 3AXBATЫBAET ЗЕМЛЮ - is a person who lives on a piece of lanc he does not own.



A THOROUGHBRED -

ЧИСТОКРОВНОЕ/ПОРОДИСТОЕ ЖИВОТНОЕ –

is an animal which has a pedigree.



THE AUSTRALIAN SONG

Once a jolly **swagman** camped by a **billabong**, Under the shade of a coolibah tree. He sang and he watched and waited 'til his **billy boiled**, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me. And He sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.









Down came a **jumbuck** to drink at that billabong; Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee. And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his **tucker-bag**, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me. And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his **tucker-bag**, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.



Up rode **the squatter**, mounted on his thorough-bred; Down came the troopers -- one, two, three. Where's that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag? You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me. Where's that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag? You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.



Up jumped the **swagman** and jumped into the **billabong**; You'll never catch me alive, said he. And his ghost may be heard as you pass by **the billabong**, You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me.





Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me. And his ghost may be heard as you pass by the billabong, You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.





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