Australia is the biggest island in the world. A lot of people in Australia live by the coast. They like surfing and going to the beach. Australians speak English. They sometimes call their country ‘Oz’.

The biggest city in Australia is Sydney. There’s a big bridge in Sydney. It’s called Sydney Harbour Bridge. You can climb it. Look at the picture; this is what you can see from the top!

There are lots of mountains in Australia. The highest mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciuszko. You can ski there in winter.

The Great Barrier Reef is in the sea off the coast of Australia. It’s very big. You can see it from space!

There are lots of deserts in Australia. Australians call the desert ‘the outback’. It’s a very dry country. The Great Victoria Desert is the biggest desert in Australia.

Australia has got lots of special animals. Kangaroos can jump three metres! Koalas live in trees and eat the leaves. The emu is a very big bird. It runs very fast but it can’t fly. There are crocodiles and snakes, too. They’re dangerous.
Comprehension

2 Choose and circle.
1 A lot of people in Australia live by the coast / desert.
2 Australia is the biggest island / country in the world.
3 The highest waterfall / mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciuszko.
4 The biggest lake / desert in Australia is the Great Victoria.
5 Koalas and tigers / kangaroos are Australian animals.
6 Sydney is Australia's biggest / smallest city.

3 Correct the sentences.
1 Crocodiles and kangaroos are dangerous animals.
   Crocodiles and snakes are dangerous animals.
2 Australia is the biggest country in the world.

3 The widest mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciuszko.

4 The Great Victoria is a big ocean.

5 There is a big waterfall in Sydney.

4 Answer the questions.
1 What's the highest mountain in Australia? Mount Kosciuszko
2 What do Australians like doing?
3 What's the biggest city in Australia?
4 Which Australian animals are dangerous?
5 What is the Great Victoria?
6 How high can kangaroos jump?
7 What do Australians sometimes call their country?
8 Can you see the Great Barrier Reef from space?