



WHAT SHOULD I ALREADY KNOW?

- How to use maps and atlases to locate at least eight European countries.
- The names of the continents.
- Describe the temperature in the UK and explain the Equator.



VOCABULARY

Greenwich meridian	The prime meridian is the imaginary line that divides Earth into two equal parts: the Eastern Hemisphere and the Western Hemisphere, often called the Greenwich meridian.
longitude	The lines extending around the Earth vertically are called lines of longitude.
latitude	The lines extending around the Earth horizontally are called lines of latitude.
Hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator

What will I learn?

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, and the smallest **continent** in the world. It is the only country that covers an entire continent. Located in the **Southern Hemisphere**, seasons are opposite to the **Northern Hemisphere**. When it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere (including the UK), it is winter south of the Equator. December and January are the hottest months in Australia, July and August the coldest. Australia experiences extreme weather from flooding, drought, and destruction from wind, and bush fires.

Did you know: We can locate any place on the Earth's surface by its **latitude** and **longitude**. (The vertical and horizontal lines extending around the earth).

- I will explore how location affects the climate. (Australia has 3 climate zones) understand the term **Greenwich meridian** and look at the difference in time zones.
- I will Look at human settlement types (urban and rural), how location effects these and compare where I live and my lifestyle to residents of Australia..

Skills- I will interpret graphs and charts, read maps and use latitude and longitude to locate places. I will compare time zones and identify hemispheres.



Quick Facts

OFFICIAL NAME: Commonwealth of Australia
CAPITAL: Canberra
POPULATION: 23, 856, 103
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English
MONEY: Australian dollar
AREA: 7,692,024 square kilometres

