- 1. How many people live in Australia ? 25 million
- 2. Australia's largest city is **Sydney** and its capital is **Canberra**.
- 3. Why is Australia often called "Down Under"? it is the only continent that lies wholly south of the equator
- 4. When and by whom was Australia discovered? 1788 by the British
- 5. Where is the Great Dividing Range? in the eastern part of the continent
- 6. What happens to the rivers that flow to the west of the mountains? most of them dry up in the central lowlands
- 7. What is the Western Plateau made up of ? mostly deserts
- 8. Which part of Australia offers the most pleasant climate? the southeastern part
- 9. Which climate does the northern part of Australia have ? tropical climate with a rainy and dry season
- 10. What does a eucalyptus tree look like ? narrow, oily leaves that smell good
- 11. Why can't many Australian animals be found elsewhere in the world? Australia was separated from other continents 200 million years ago and developed a different animal life
- 12. What are marsupials ? mammals that carry their babies in pouches
- 13. What are emus? large birds that cannot fly
- 14. Why does most of the population live near the coastal regions? it has a moderate climate
- 15. Up to the beginning of the 20th century most immigrants came from Great Britain and Ireland
- 16. Why is emigrating to Australia very difficult? you must pass a test and have special skills that Australia needs
- 17. Who are the Aborigines ? How many live in the country today ? Australia's native population over 700,000
- 18. What happened to them when the British arrived? many were killed and the British settlers took away their land
- 19. How has Sydney's population changed in the last few decades? many Asians have come to the city
- 20. Which city was capital before Canberra was completed? Melbourne
- 21. The largest city in western Australia is Perth
- 22. Name a few raw materials that Australia mines: bauxite, iron ore, diamonds, uranium, coal, gold
- 23. What are the main crops that farmers grow? wheat, sugar cane
- 24. What does the term "outback" mean? Why can living there be very difficult? the inner part of the continent few paved roads, towns are very far apart, droughts, bush fires
- 25. How do most children in the outback get their education? over the internet, by radio
- 26. Name a few sights that you should visit as a tourist ? Sydney Opera House, Great Barrier Reef, Ayers Rock, Kakadu National Park etc..