

Australia – Word List

- **aboriginal** = coming from native Australians
- **activities** = things to do in your free time
- **although** = while
- **annual** = yearly
- **athlete** = sportsman or sportswoman
- **attraction** = something interesting for tourists to see
- **bauxite** = a raw material from which aluminium is made
- **beef** = meat from a cow
- **big quantities** = a lot of
- **blossom** = to produce flowers
- **brick** = a hard, red material used for building houses
- **bungalow** = a house with only one floor
- **capital** = (1) the city or town where the government meets
- **capital** = (2) the main city of a region
- **cattle** = cows that are kept on a farm for their meat and milk
- **cause** = to make something happen
- **cave** = natural hole in the side of a mountain
- **century** = a hundred years
- **coast** = place where land meets the sea
- **community** = neighbourhood
- **complete** = finish
- **consist of** = are made of
- **construction** = building
- **cope with** = deal with; fight against
- **coral** = hard white or pink material formed from the bones of very small sea animals
- **coral reef** = underwater mountain or hill of hard rocks formed by corals
- **cover** = spread over an area
- **criminal** = a person who has done something that is against the law
- **crop** = plant, like wheat, rice or corn that is grown and used as food
- **dam** = strong wall built across a river to hold back water
- **decade** = a period of ten years
- **decorate** = to make something look very nice by putting objects and paintings in it
- **desert** = area of dry land with little or no rainfall
- **develop** = grow ; to make what it is now
- **disaster** = something bad that happens, which can cause a lot of damage
- **discover** = to find something for the first time
- **divide** = to separate into two or more parts
- **diving** = swimming under water with special equipment
- **drilling** = here: making a deep hole in the earth so that oil can come up
- **drought** = when there is dry weather for a long time and plants and animals don't have enough water to survive
- **dry up** = rivers become dry and do not flow into the sea
- **economy** = the way a country produces, buys and sells goods, and the money that it has
- **education** = teaching and learning at schools, colleges and universities
- **equator** = line around the middle of the earth that divides it in two halves
- **eventually** = as time went on
- **flood** = a lot of water covers an area that is normally dry
- **flow** = run down or through
- **foreign** = from another country
- **formation** = here: stones formed in a special pattern
- **found - founded** = to start something new; create
- **gold rush** = time during which gold was discovered and people hurried there to get rich
- **government** = the people who rule a country
- **handicraft** = things that people make with their hands, like necklaces and bracelets
- **harbour** = a safe place near land where ships can stay
- **hatch** = eggs break and babies come out
- **headquarters** = the main building or offices of a company
- **height** = how high something is
- **hemisphere** = half of the world, divided by the equator
- **highest peak** = highest mountain in a group of mountains
- **host** = organize an event
- **humid** = wet
- **immigrant** = a person who goes to another country to live and work there
- **improve** = to make better
- **independent** = free from other countries
- **inhabitants** = the people who live in a country or city
- **invest** = to spend money on a project and expect to get something in return
- **iron ore** = rock that has iron in it
- **isolated** = far away from others
- **lead** = heavy grey metal that melts easily and is poisonous
- **light up** = glow
- **limestone** = type of rock that has calcium in it
- **located** = to be found
- **lock out** = here: not allowed to take part

- **main technology** = here: the way teachers and students communicate with each other
- **mainland** = the main area of land that forms a country - not the islands
- **major** = important
- **mammal** = an animal that drinks milk from its mother's body when it is young
- **marine** = from the ocean
- **marsupial** = an animal like a kangaroo that carries its babies in a skin pocket on its body
- **masterpiece** = here: something of very high quality
- **medical care** = doctors and hospitals that help you when you are ill
- **medical treatment** = doctors and hospitals help you when you are ill
- **mine** = place where you dig out valuable materials
- **mineral** = valuable rock that you dig out of the ground
- **mining** = the work of digging coal, gold or other raw materials out of the ground
- **moderate** = not too hot and not too cold
- **most populous** = with the most people living there
- **multicultural** = people from many nations and cultures live together
- **mutton** = meat from sheep
- **narrow** = not wide
- **Native Americans** = people who lived in North America before the Europeans came
- **offer** = here: gives the tourist
- **opal** = a stone that often changes colours and is very expensive
- **organism** = living thing
- **outdoors** = outside; in the open
- **overseas** = from other continents
- **owned by** = belongs to
- **paved road** = a road or a street with a hard surface, not just stones or sand
- **peninsula** = area of land with water on three sides
- **performance** = show, concert, presentation
- **plains** = large areas of flat and sometimes dry land
- **poisonous** = something that can be dangerous or even kill you
- **pole** = a post made of wood
- **polyp** = very simple sea animal
- **popular** = common ; much-liked
- **populated** = settled ; land on which people live
- **population** = the people who live in a city
- **pouch** = pocket of skin on an animal's stomach
- **poultry** = meat from chicken or turkeys
- **preserve** = protect, care for
- **prison** = a building where people who have done something against the law are kept
- **prisoner** = person who is locked up in a place and cannot get out
- **profit** = here: the good side of ...
- **protect** = save
- **raise** = to look after and feed animals, so that you can sell their products
- **raw materials** = things that exist in nature and that we need , like wood, oil or gas
- **recently** = a short time ago
- **regarded** = thought to be
- **regular basis** = here: very often
- **reptile** = an animal, like a snake, whose body temperature always changes
- **rise** = come up ; start to grow and become important
- **river bed** = the ground at the bottom of a river
- **sandstone** = soft yellow or red rock
- **seed** = small, hard object of a plant or a flower
- **seek** = look for
- **separated** = here: to break away from
- **settle** = to start living in a place where few people have lived before
- **settlement** = a new town built for people who start living in an area
- **settler** = a person who starts living in a place nobody else has been to before
- **shortage** = not enough
- **situated** = located
- **skeleton** = the bones that make up the structure of an animal or person
- **skills** = things that you can do very well
- **skyscraper** = very high building with many floors
- **slope** = the side of a mountain
- **sparsely populated** = not many people live on a large area of land
- **species** = groups of animals and plants that are alike
- **standard of living** = the way people live and how much money they have to spend
- **sugar cane** = a tropical plant from which you can get sugar
- **sunbather** = a person who likes to lie in the sun and get a tan
- **sunrise** = when the sun goes up
- **sunset** = when the sun goes down
- **suburb** = part of a city that is far away from the centre
- **surface** = the top layer of the earth
- **temperate** = not too hot and not too cold
- **temporary** = for a short time
- **trade** = the buying and selling of goods
- **traditional** = here: something that they have always had
- **two-way radio** = a radio that lets you listen to and send messages
- **valuable** = worth a lot of money
- **various** = different
- **wealthiest** = richest
- **wetland** = land that is mostly covered with water
- **wheat** = a plant from which you make white bread
- **worship** = pray to