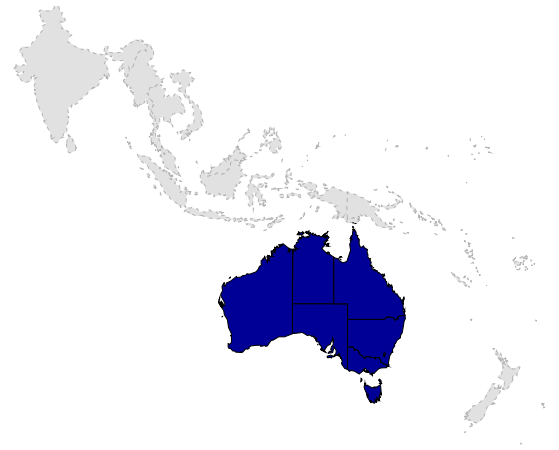


JigsawGeo Teaching Resources

Australia

Free printable geography activities for grades 2-8
A digital companion app - JigsawGeo from squishLogic



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Take Geography Beyond the Worksheet

Enjoying these free printable activities? There's a digital way to explore them, too.

JigsawGeo turns the maps in this packet into interactive puzzles for iPhone and iPad. Assemble Australia region by region, explore borders and flags, and learn geography at your own pace - at home or in the classroom. Six difficulty levels, from Traveler to Cartographer, let the app grow with your students from grade 2 through grade 8.

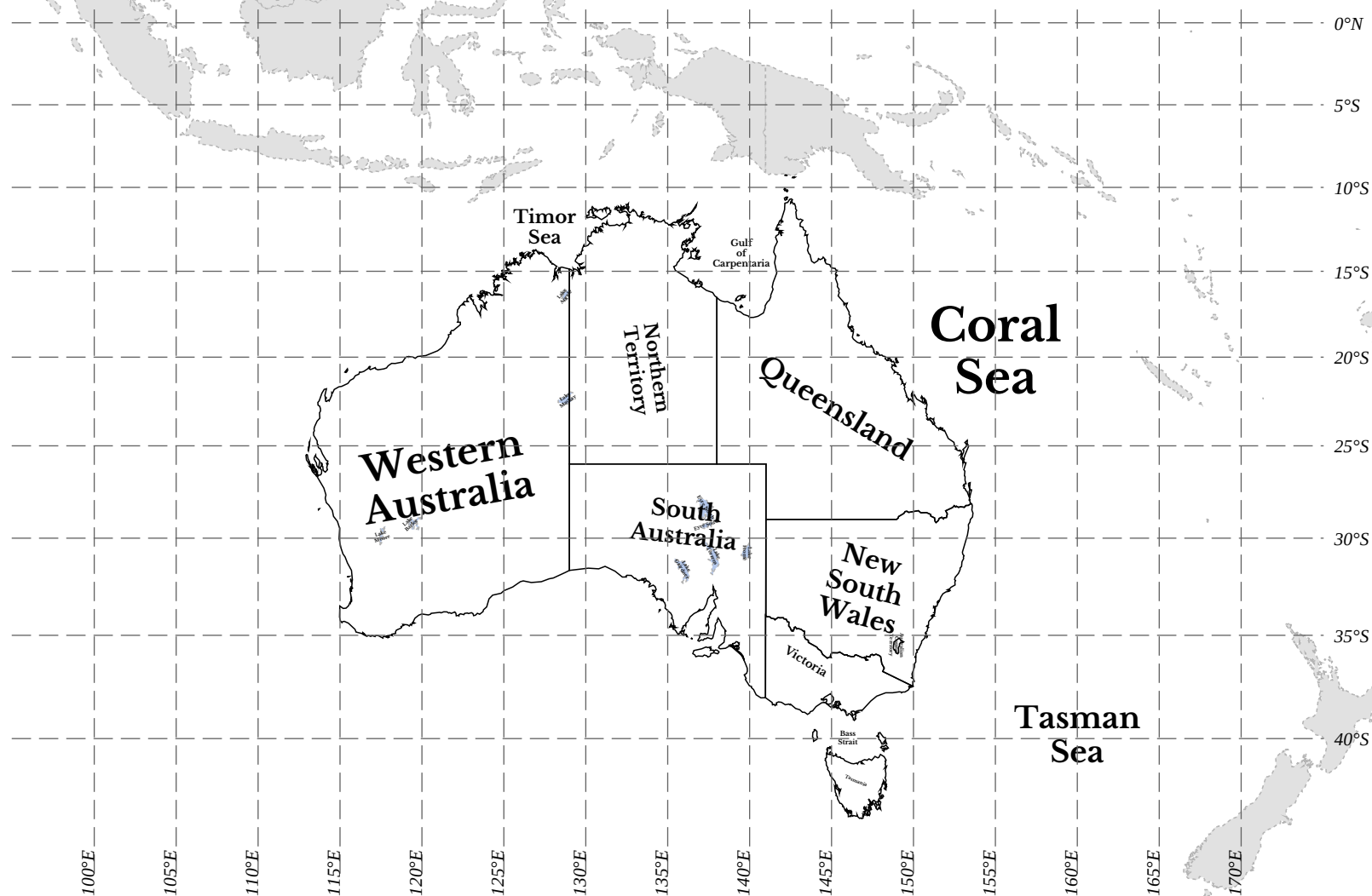


JigsawGeo - Interactive geography for curious minds.



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Latitude/Longitude for Australia



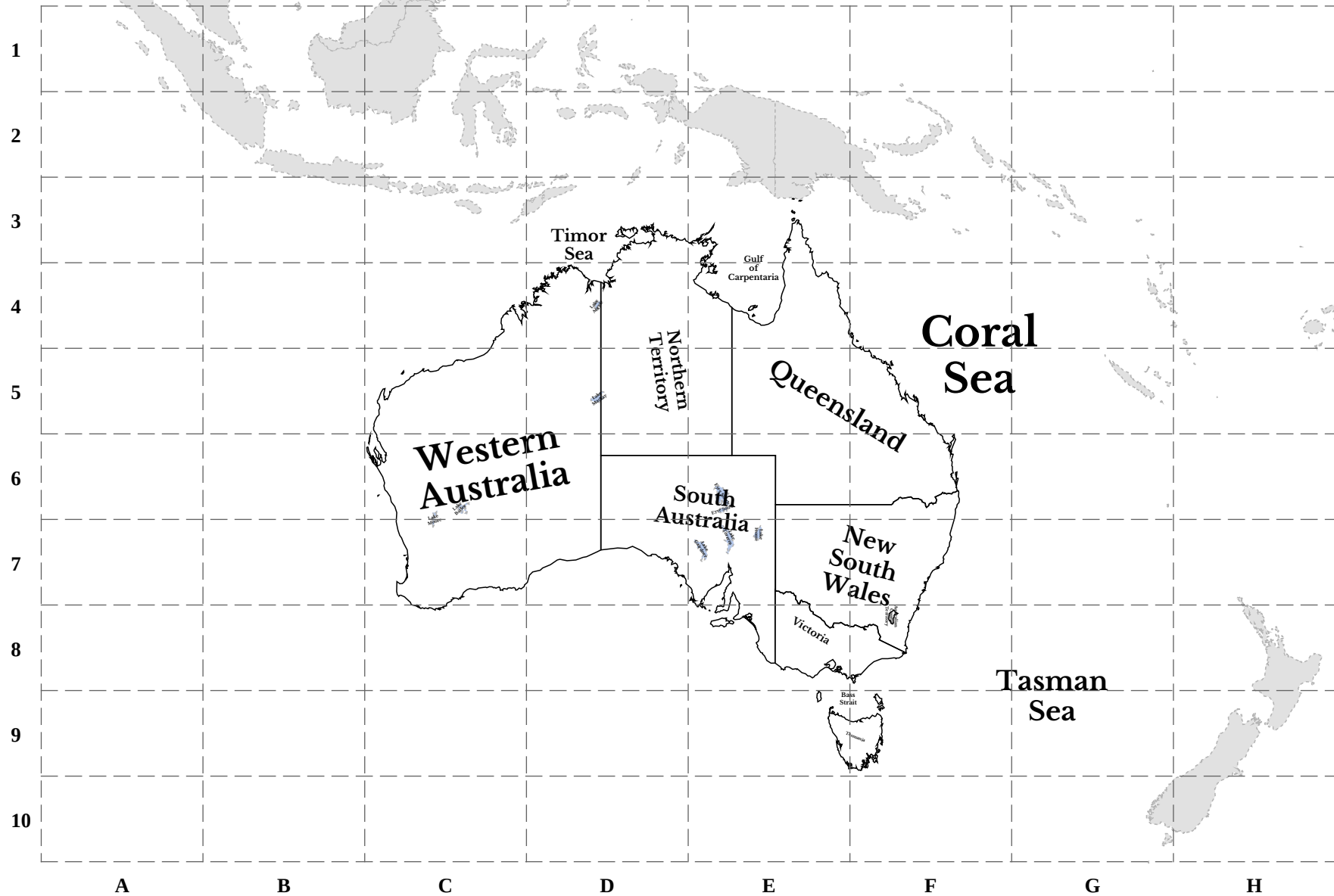
Australia Location Quiz

1. 37°S, 144°E: _____
2. 25°S, 122°E: _____
3. 35°S, 149°E: _____
4. 30°S, 136°E: _____
5. 32°S, 147°E: _____
6. 23°S, 145°E: _____
7. 19°S, 133°E: _____
8. 42°S, 147°E: _____

Australia Location Answer Key

1. 37°S, 144°E: Victoria
2. 25°S, 122°E: Western Australia
3. 35°S, 149°E: Australian Capital Territory
4. 30°S, 136°E: South Australia
5. 32°S, 147°E: New South Wales
6. 23°S, 145°E: Queensland
7. 19°S, 133°E: Northern Territory
8. 42°S, 147°E: Tasmania

Grid Map of Australia



Australia Grid Quiz

Instructions: Name the country that contains the following grid square(s).

1. F9, E9: _____

2. F8: _____

3. F7: _____

4. D5, D3, E4: _____

5. E8, F8: _____

6. E5, F6, E4: _____

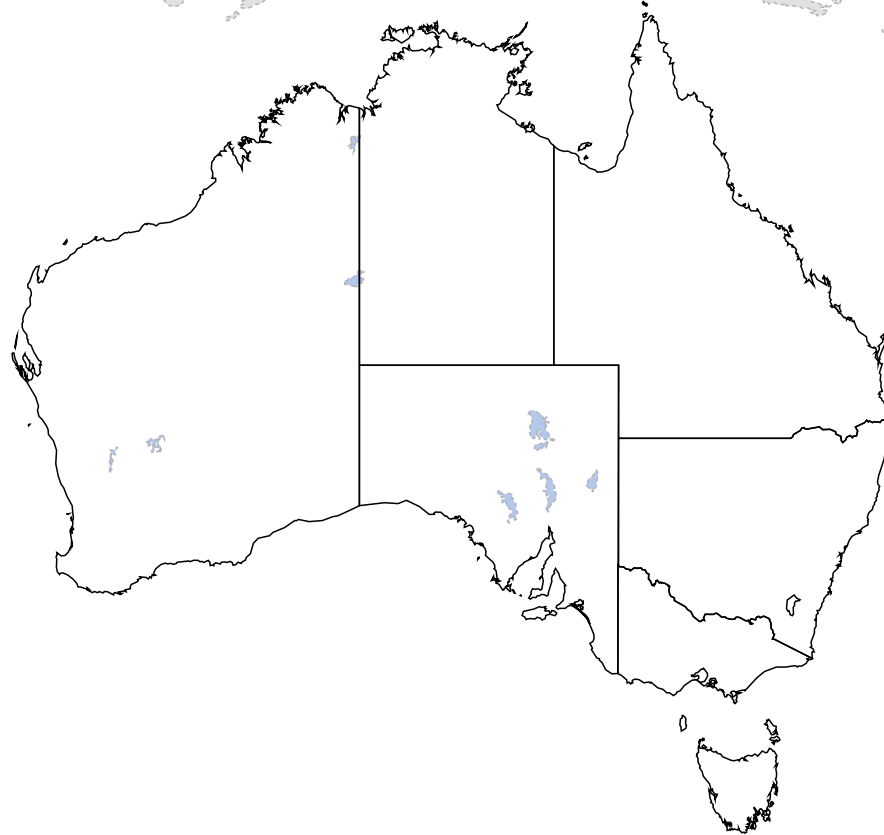
7. E7, E8, D7: _____

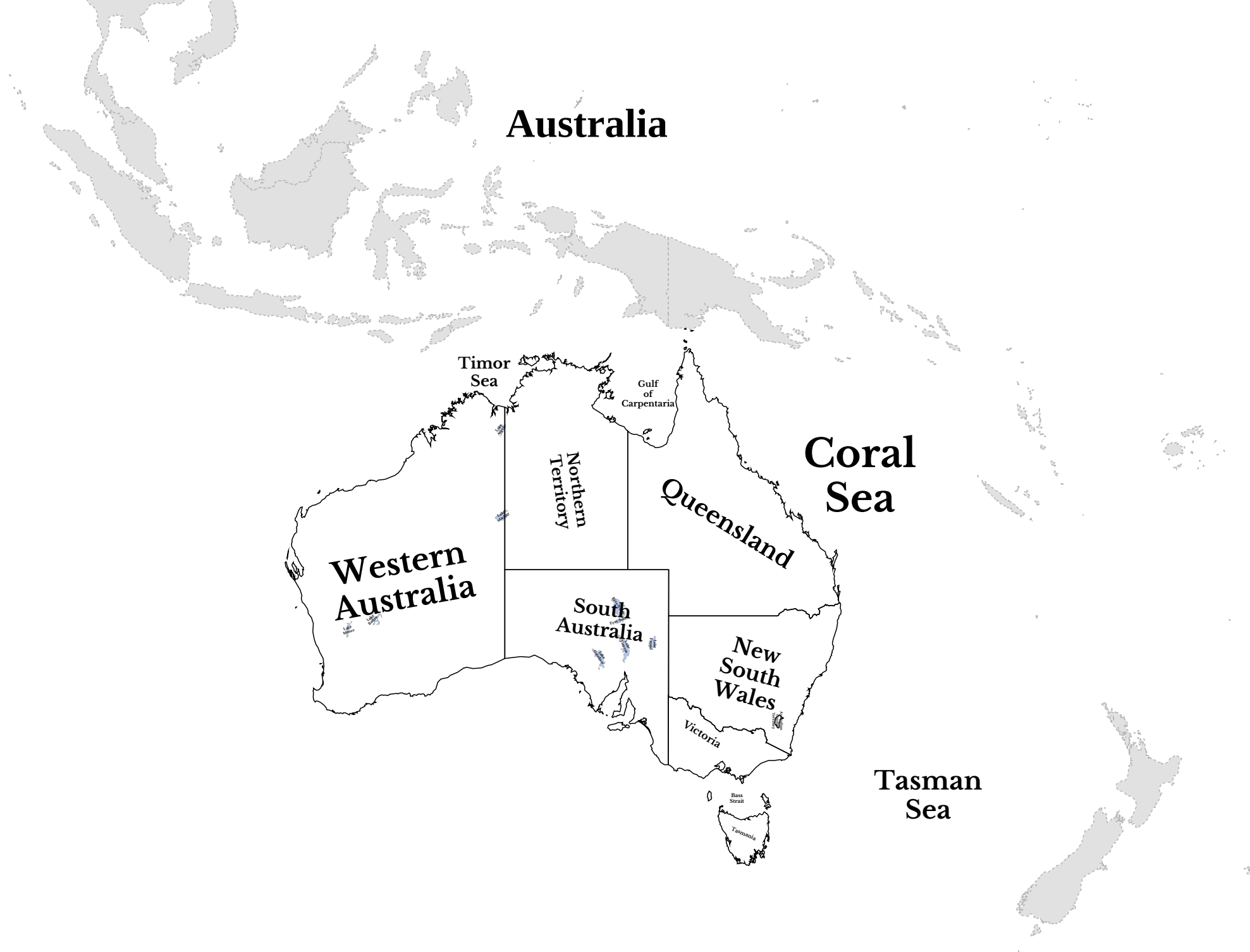
8. C6, C5, D4: _____

Australia Grid Answer Key

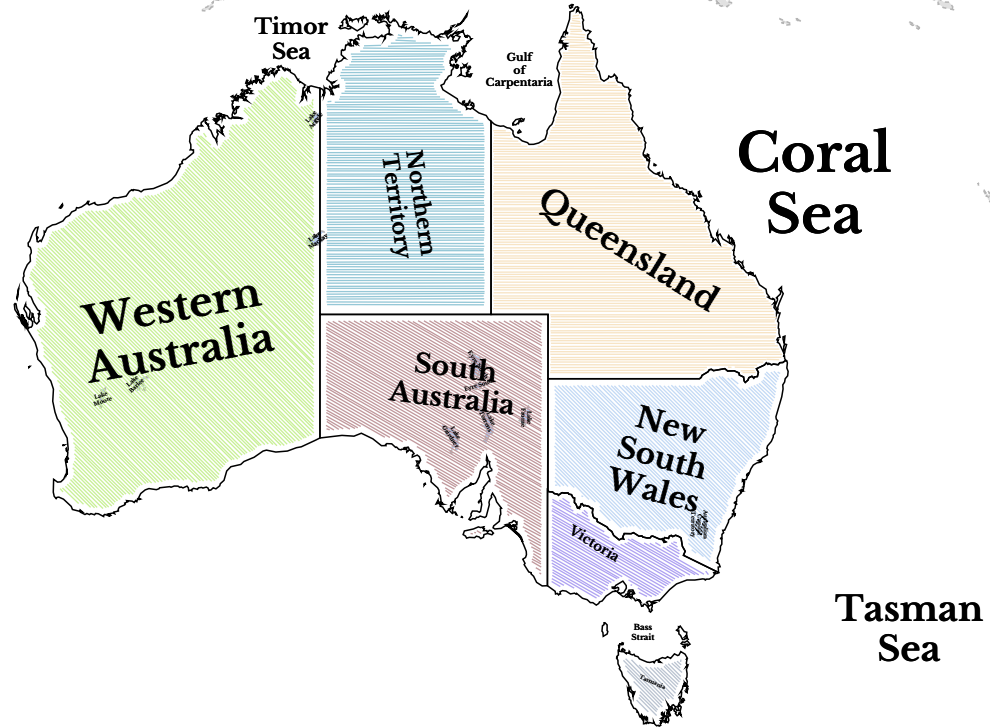
1. F9, E9: Tasmania
2. F8: Australian Capital Territory
3. F7: New South Wales
4. D5, D3, E4: Northern Territory
5. E8, F8: Victoria
6. E5, F6, E4: Queensland
7. E7, E8, D7: South Australia
8. C6, C5, D4: Western Australia

Outline Map of Australia



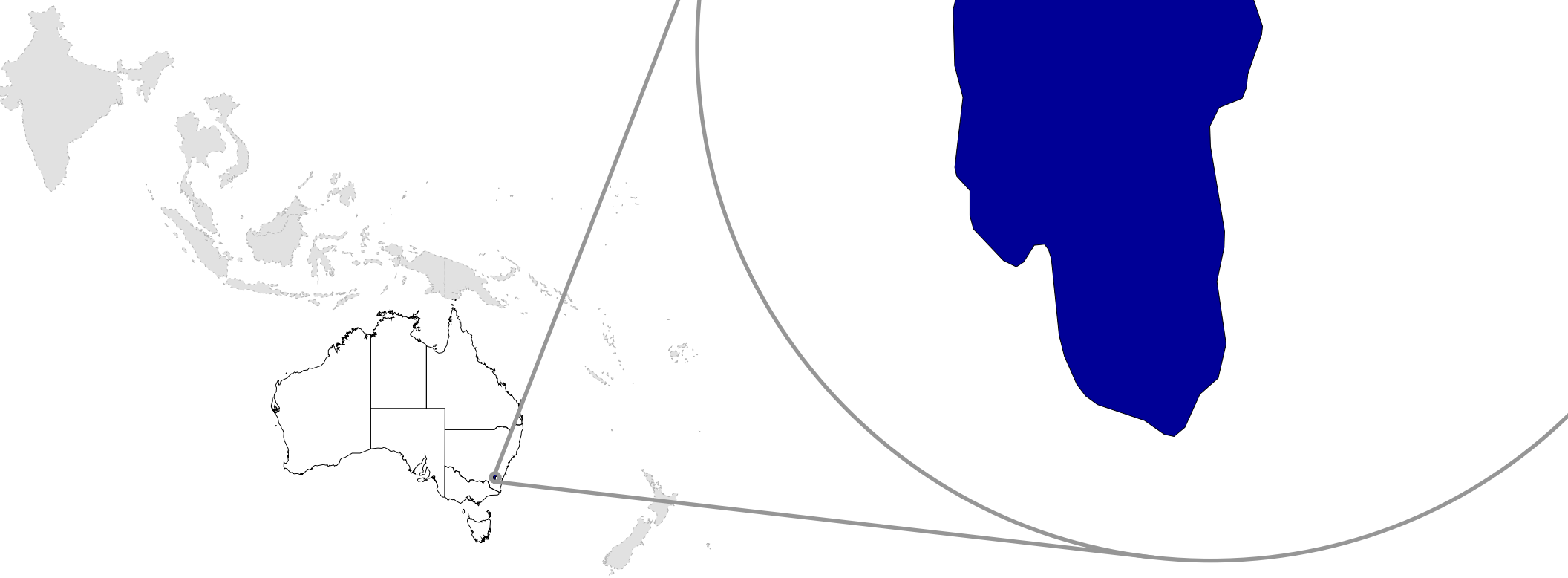


Australia



Fun Facts about Australian Capital Territory

1. Canberra serves as the nation's capital city.
2. Rugged hills surround the urban center, which covers 2,358 square kilometers within the valley basin.
3. Winter temperatures often drop to minus 2 degrees.
4. The Molonglo River flows through the region.
5. Planning integrates dense urban design with 60 percent native vegetation cover across the territory's landscape.
6. Pastoral leases operate in the northern reaches.
7. Annual festivals celebrate the diverse cultural history of this inland territory for over 100 years.



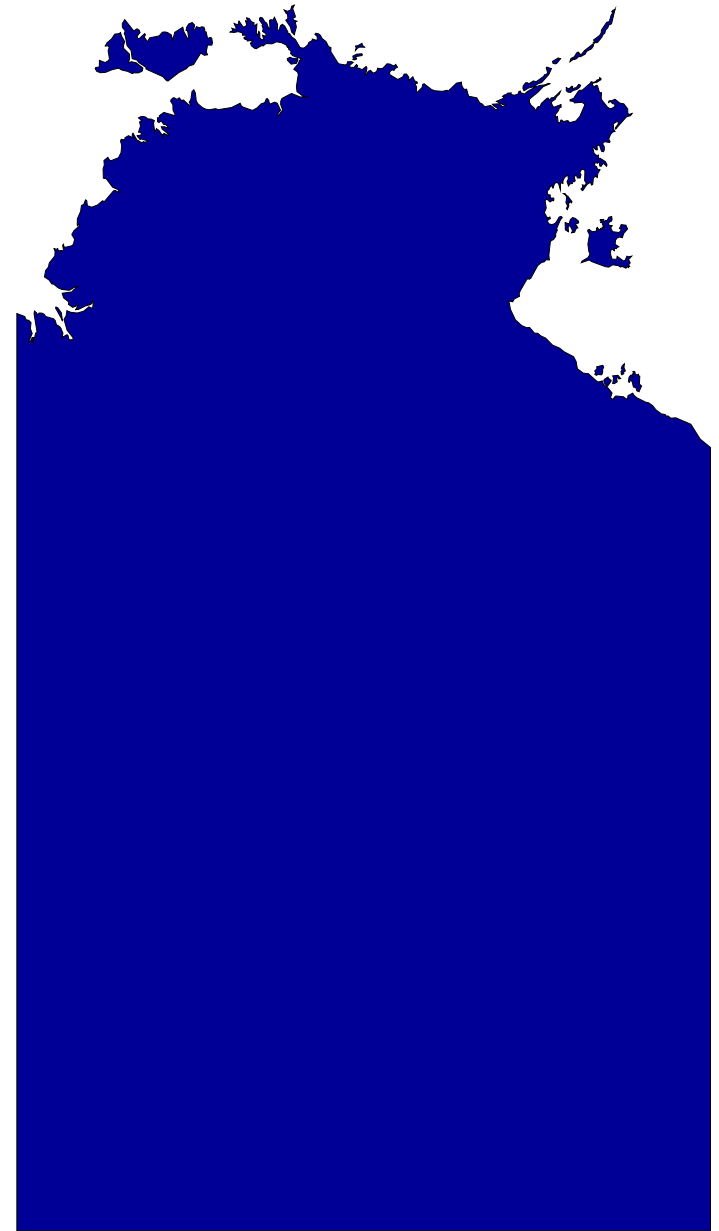
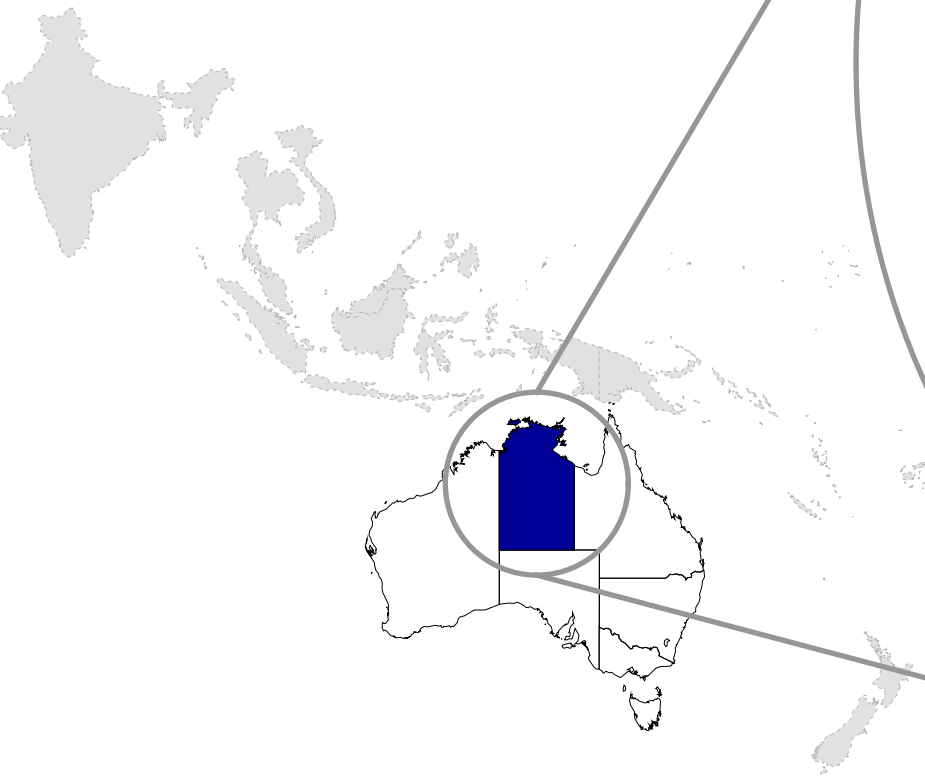
Fun Facts about New South Wales

1. Sydney is a global hub.
2. Snow falls annually across the southern alpine mountain ranges that peak at 2,228 meters high.
3. Western plains support 20 million sheep.
4. Rainforests thrive in the lush northern coastal regions.
5. The Blue Mountains offer dramatic vistas across 11,400 square kilometers in the central highlands.
6. Shipping routes connect the state ports.
7. Traditional grazing lands occupy 70 percent of the arid western interior for large-scale agricultural output.



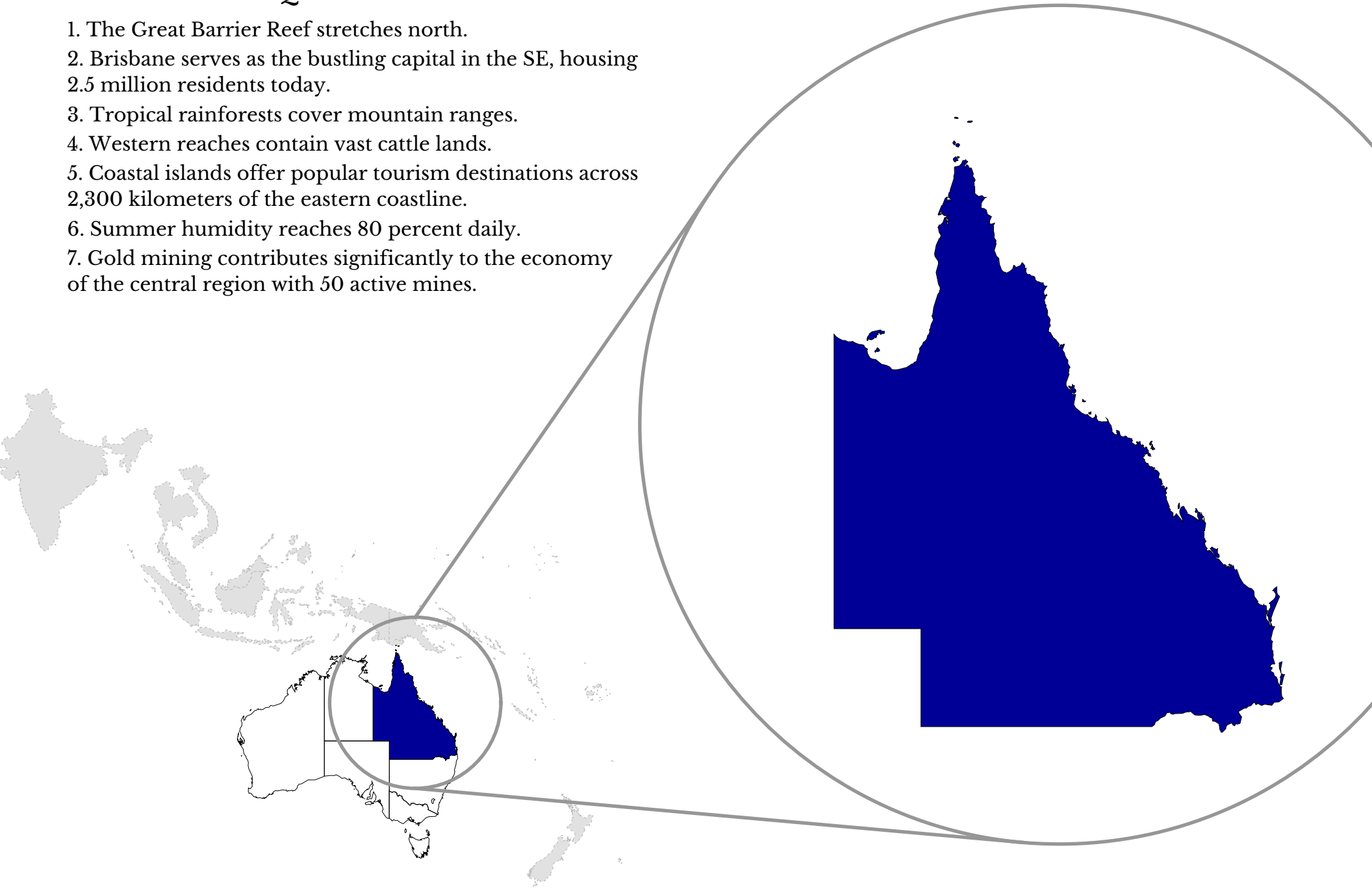
Fun Facts about Northern Territory

1. Darwin is a major northern port.
2. Uluru, in the central desert, is a 348-meter high sandstone monolith of great significance.
3. Wetlands host 100,000 salt-water crocodiles.
4. The south experiences extreme summer heat.
5. Ancient rock art covers hidden caves in the northern escarpments for thousands of years.
6. Cattle stations span 5,000 square kilometers each.
7. Monsoon rains transform the northern landscape into a vibrant green oasis during the summer season.



Fun Facts about Queensland

1. The Great Barrier Reef stretches north.
2. Brisbane serves as the bustling capital in the SE, housing 2.5 million residents today.
3. Tropical rainforests cover mountain ranges.
4. Western reaches contain vast cattle lands.
5. Coastal islands offer popular tourism destinations across 2,300 kilometers of the eastern coastline.
6. Summer humidity reaches 80 percent daily.
7. Gold mining contributes significantly to the economy of the central region with 50 active mines.



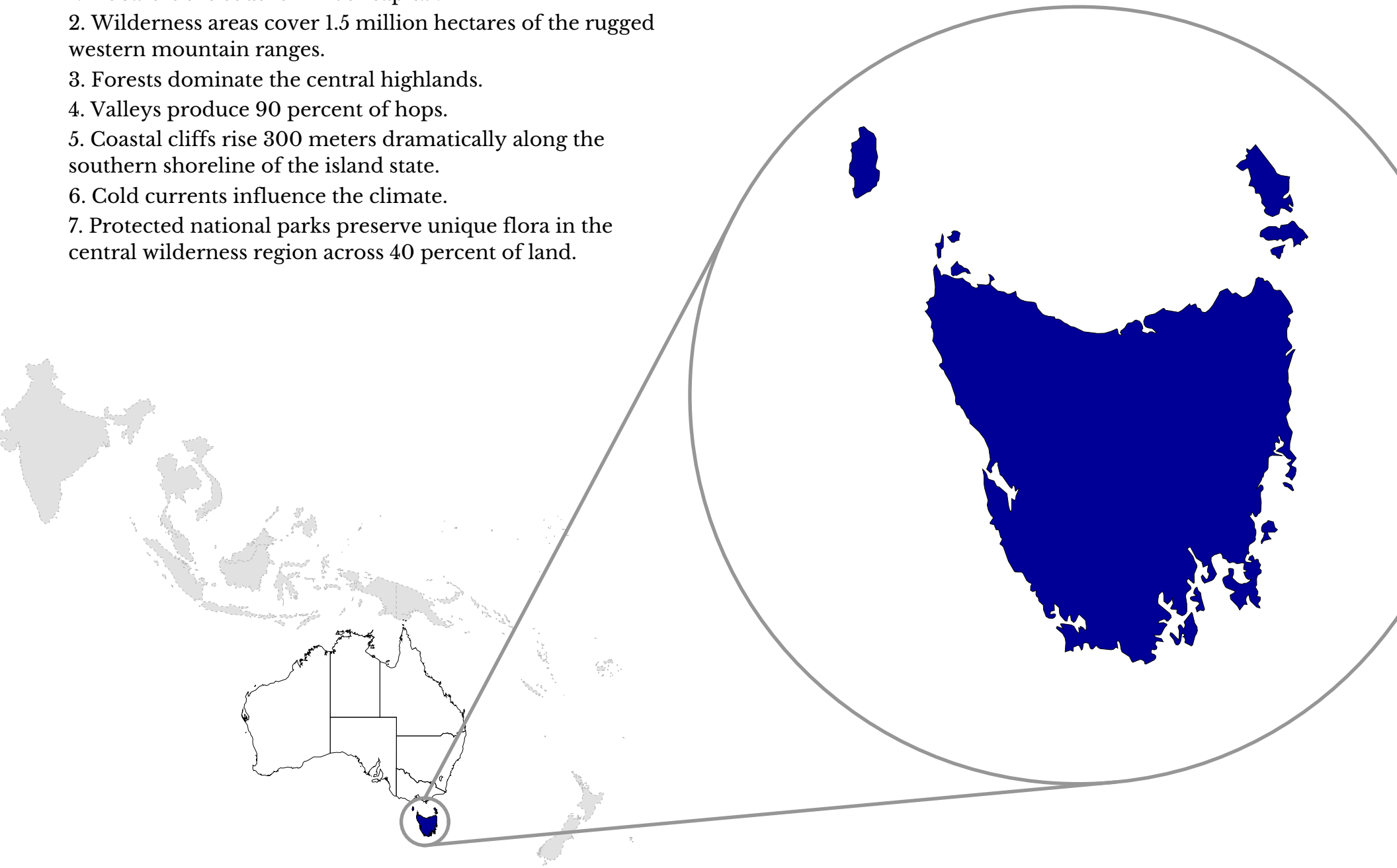
Fun Facts about South Australia

1. Adelaide is the historic southern capital.
2. Barossa Valley vineyards flourish in the central hilly region with over 150 wineries.
3. Nullarbor Plain spans 200,000 square kilometers.
4. Southern waters provide shark habitats.
5. Flinders Ranges offer rugged, ancient peaks in the northern region rising up to 1,189 meters.
6. Aquaculture supports 3,000 local jobs.
7. Dry salt lakes dominate the landscape of the remote central interior for most of the year.



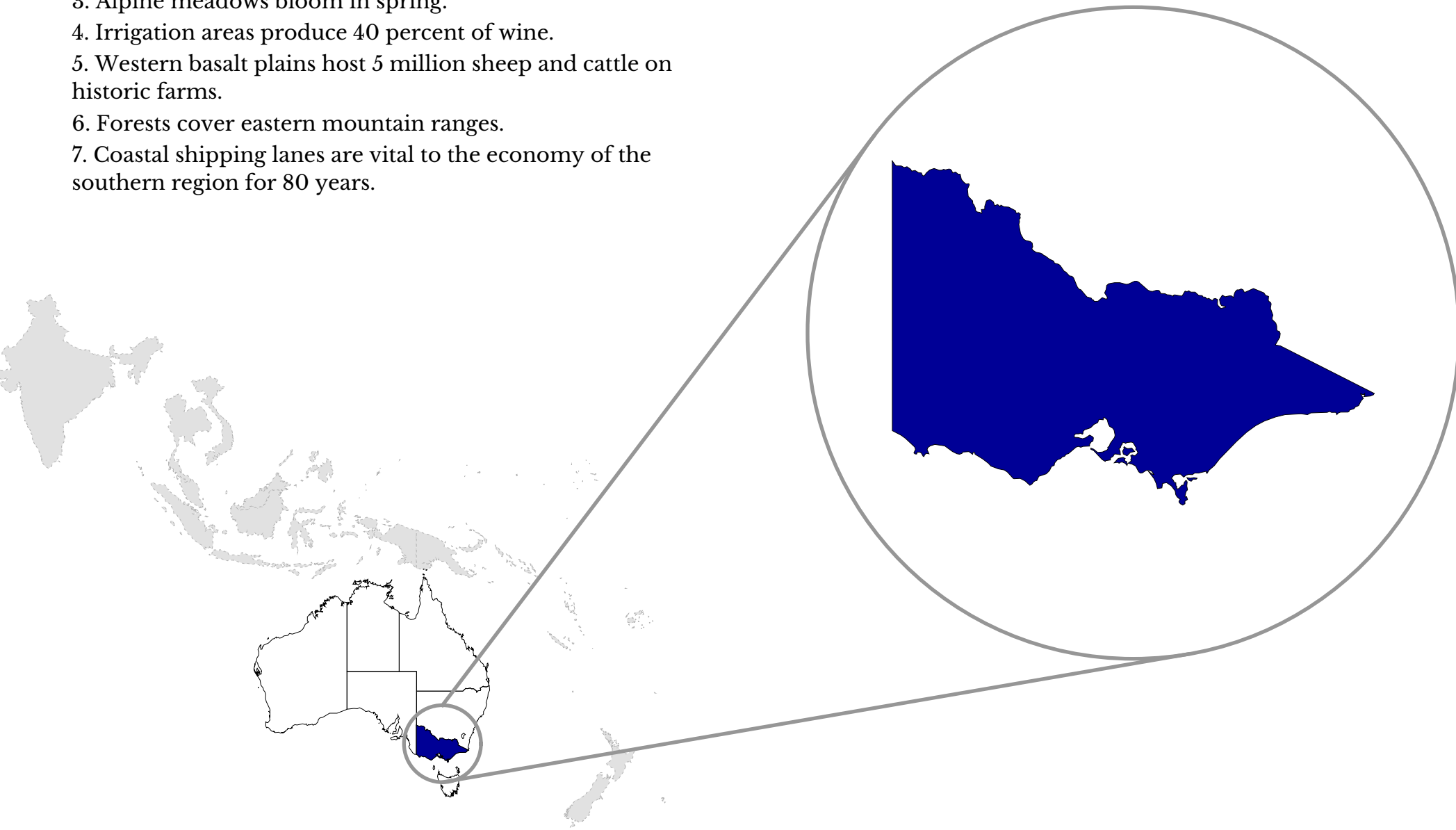
Fun Facts about Tasmania

1. Hobart is the southern river capital.
2. Wilderness areas cover 1.5 million hectares of the rugged western mountain ranges.
3. Forests dominate the central highlands.
4. Valleys produce 90 percent of hops.
5. Coastal cliffs rise 300 meters dramatically along the southern shoreline of the island state.
6. Cold currents influence the climate.
7. Protected national parks preserve unique flora in the central wilderness region across 40 percent of land.



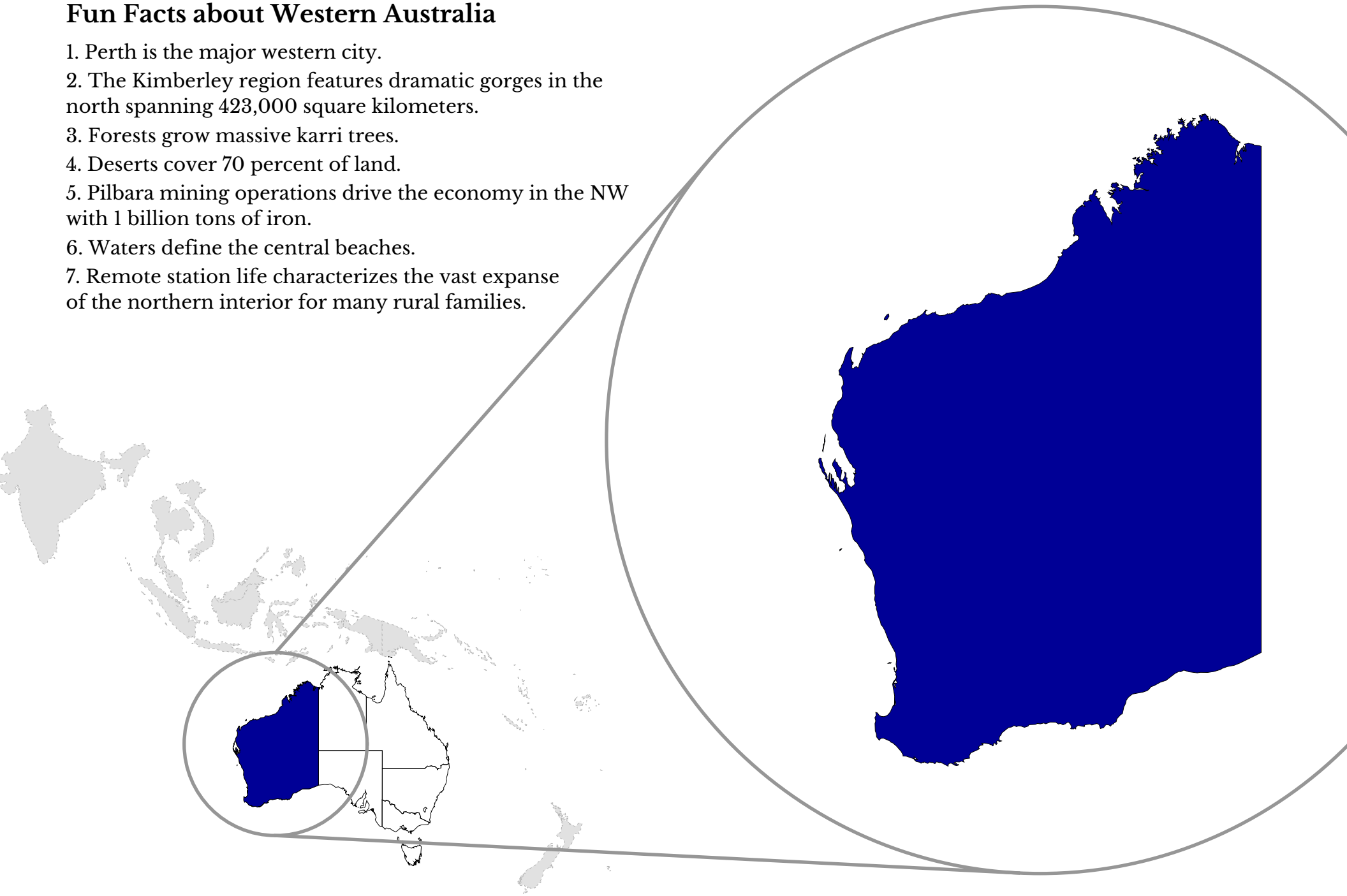
Fun Facts about Victoria

1. Melbourne is a southern urban hub.
2. The Great Ocean Road traces 243 kilometers of the rugged southern coastline.
3. Alpine meadows bloom in spring.
4. Irrigation areas produce 40 percent of wine.
5. Western basalt plains host 5 million sheep and cattle on historic farms.
6. Forests cover eastern mountain ranges.
7. Coastal shipping lanes are vital to the economy of the southern region for 80 years.



Fun Facts about Western Australia

1. Perth is the major western city.
2. The Kimberley region features dramatic gorges in the north spanning 423,000 square kilometers.
3. Forests grow massive karri trees.
4. Deserts cover 70 percent of land.
5. Pilbara mining operations drive the economy in the NW with 1 billion tons of iron.
6. Waters define the central beaches.
7. Remote station life characterizes the vast expanse of the northern interior for many rural families.



Teacher Guide to Heat Maps

Heat maps in geography education serve as a powerful visualization tool for students in grades 2-8, enabling them to intuitively grasp spatial patterns by representing data density through color intensity. Often referred to in educational contexts as choropleth maps, these tools translate abstract statistical information-such as population distribution, weather phenomena, or wildlife sightings-into a tangible spectrum where 'warm' colors denote high concentrations and 'cool' colors signify scarcity. By removing the need to interpret complex bar graphs or raw numerical tables, these maps allow teachers to facilitate immediate classroom discussions on why certain features cluster in specific locations, effectively bridging the gap between basic map reading and the foundational concepts of spatial analysis and human-environment interaction.

3rd to 4th Grade: Introduction to Spatial Patterns

At this stage, students are learning to read basic map keys and categorize information. The focus should be on simple datasets with only 3-4 categories (e.g., 'high,' 'medium,' 'low' population density).

Activity: Color-coding counties or states using a simple progression (e.g., light green to dark green).

Focus: Understanding that one color represents a range of numbers rather than a single value.

5th to 6th Grade: Data Grouping and Analysis

Students here can handle more complex datasets and are beginning to understand fractions and intervals. They are ready to create their own "bins" for data.

Activity: Deciding where to set the breaks for their data (e.g., 0-1,000, 1,001-5,000, 5,001+).

Focus: Recognizing how changing the intervals changes the "story" the map tells.

7th to 8th Grade and Above: Quantitative Accuracy

At the middle and high school levels, students should focus on the ethics and accuracy of data representation. They can incorporate more complex statistics like population per square mile rather than raw totals.

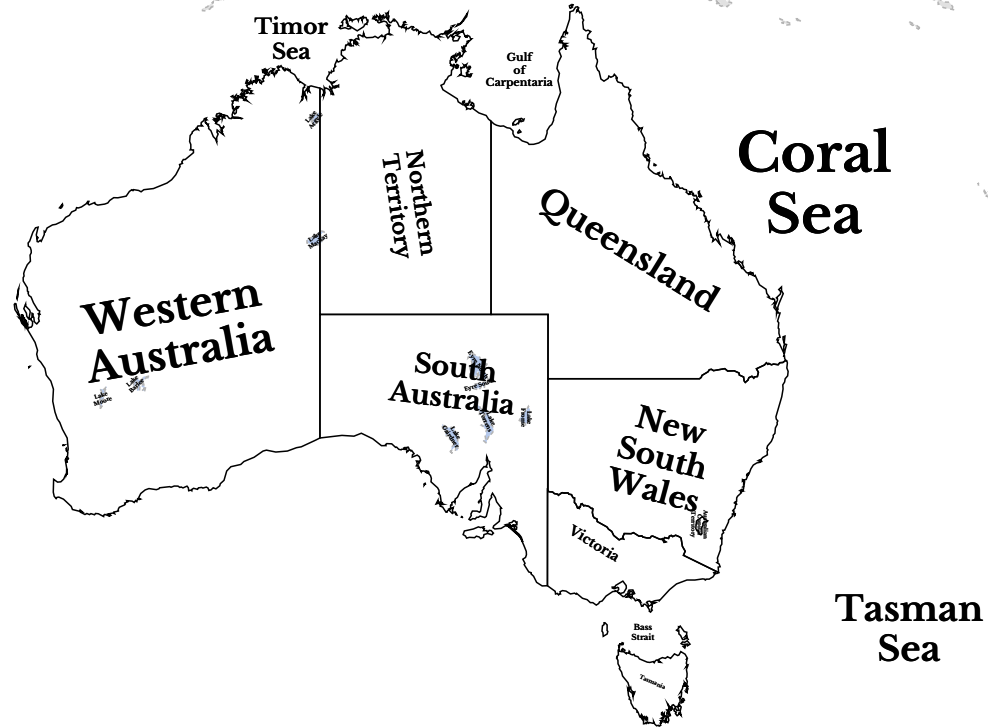
Activity: Using real-world census data to create choropleth maps using more sophisticated color gradients (sequential vs. diverging scales).

Focus: Analyzing how map projections and data normalization affect the viewer's perception.

Australia Heat Map Data

Region	Population (thousands)	Age	Rain (mm)	Temp (C)
Australian Capital Territ	487	-	-	-
New South Wales	8,641	-	-	-
Northern Territory	268	-	-	-
Queensland	5,712	-	-	-
South Australia	1,911	-	-	-
Tasmania	579	-	-	-
Victoria	7,122	-	-	-
Western Australia	3,076	-	-	-

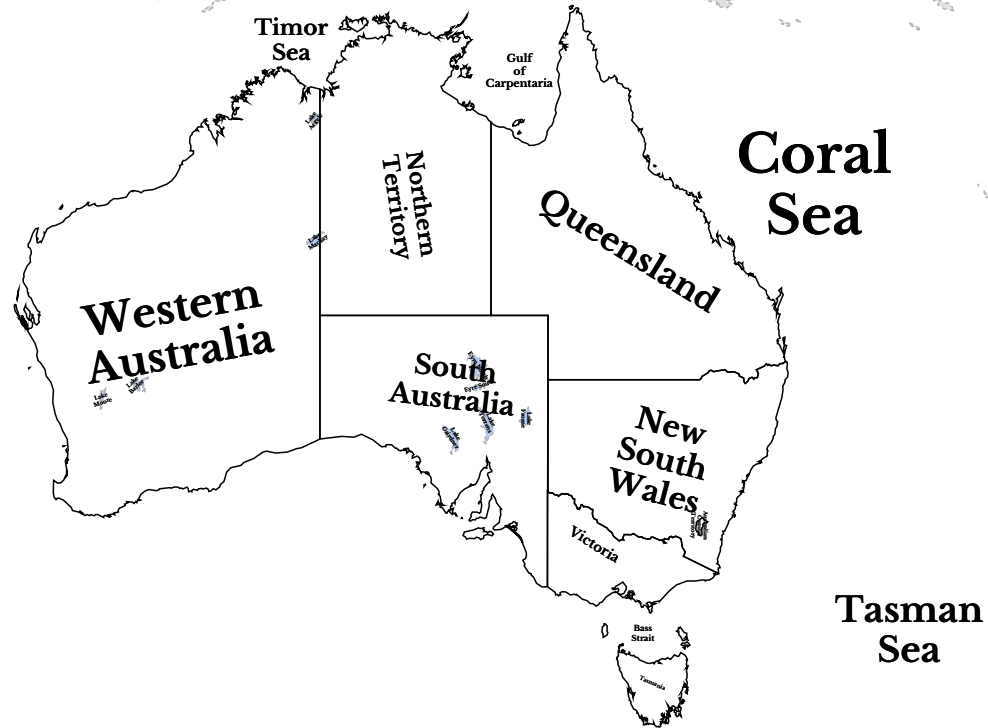
Australia Heat Map for _____



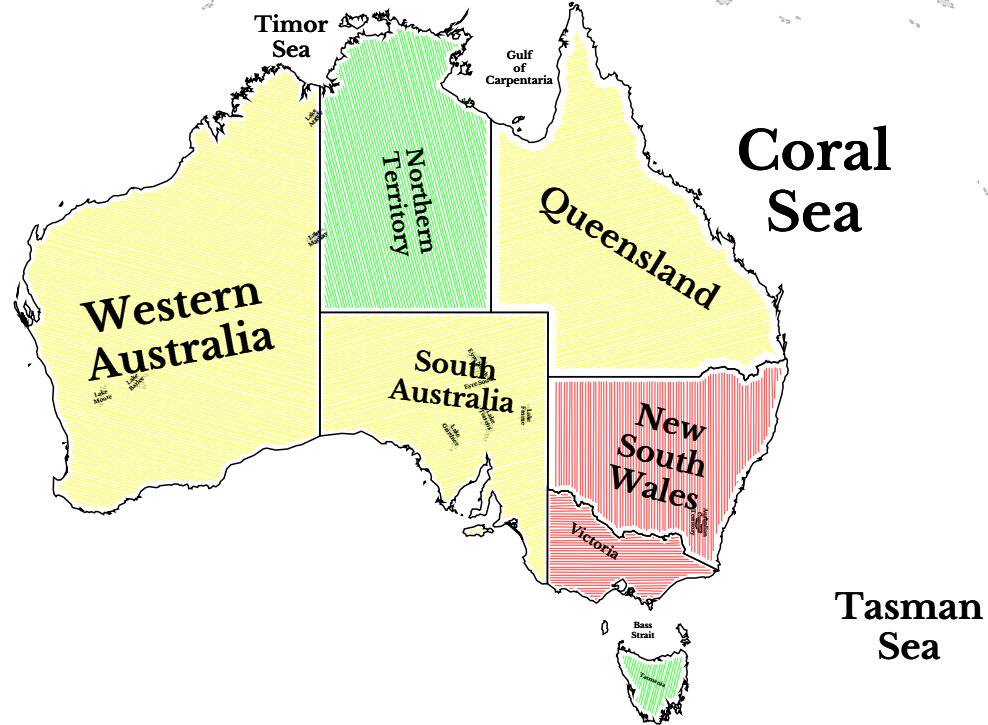
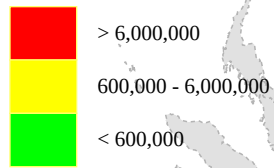
Australia Heat Map Data (Hard)

Region	Population	Age	Rain (mm)	Temp (C)
Australian Capital Territ	487,200	-	-	-
New South Wales	8,641,100	-	-	-
Northern Territory	267,500	-	-	-
Queensland	5,712,100	-	-	-
South Australia	1,910,600	-	-	-
Tasmania	579,100	-	-	-
Victoria	7,121,900	-	-	-
Western Australia	3,076,500	-	-	-

Australia Heat Map for _____



Australia Heat Map (Hard) Answer Key

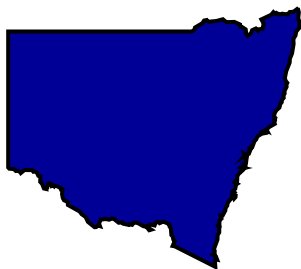
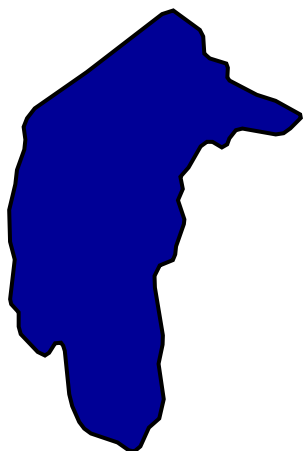


Australian Capital
Territory
Canberra

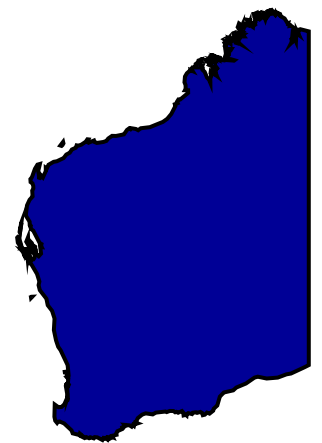
New South Wales
Sydney

Northern
Territory
Darwin

Queensland
Brisbane



Western Australia
Perth



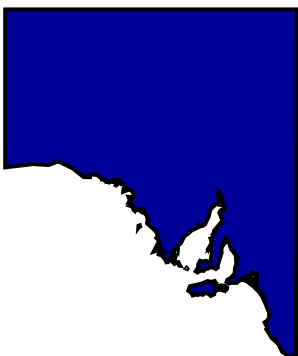
Victoria
Melbourne



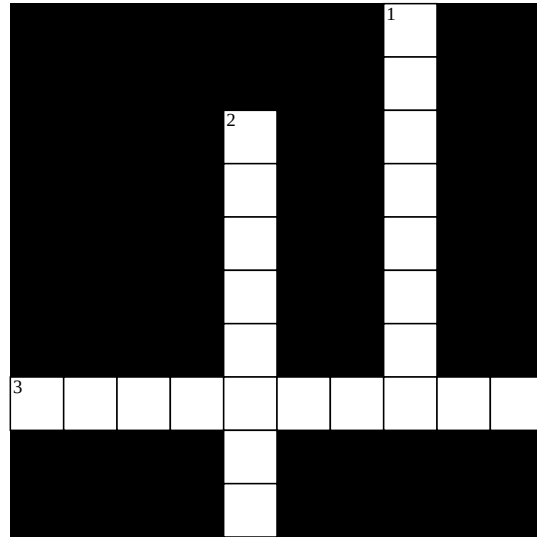
Tasmania
Hobart



South Australia
Adelaide



Australia Crossword



Clues

ACROSS

3. Home to the Great Barrier Reef.

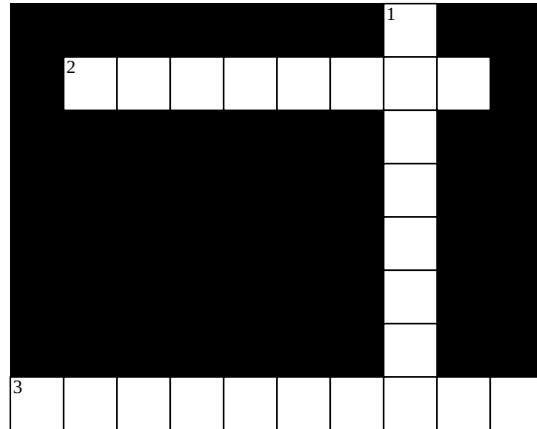
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- 1. Australia's smallest mainland state.
- 2. Island state separated by Bass Strait.

Australia Crossword Answer Key



Australia Crossword (Set 2)



Clues

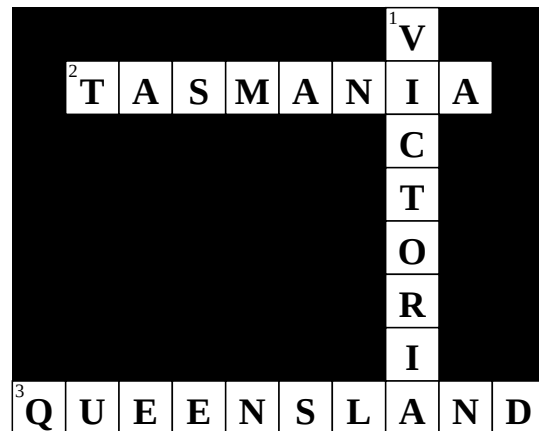
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3. Home to the Great Barrier Reef.
2. Island state separated by Bass Strait.

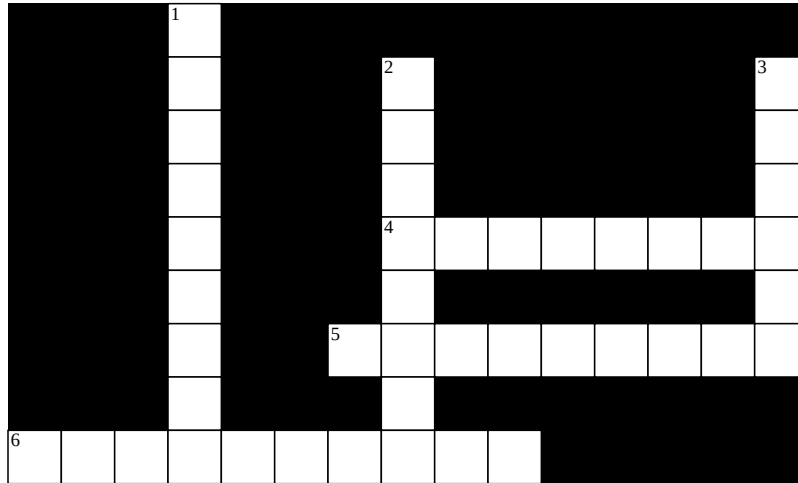
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1. Australia's smallest mainland state.

Australia Crossword (Set 2) Answer Key



Australia Crossword with Capitals



Clues

ACROSS

6. Home to the Great Barrier Reef.
4. Island state separated by Bass Strait.
5. This city runs Queensland's government.

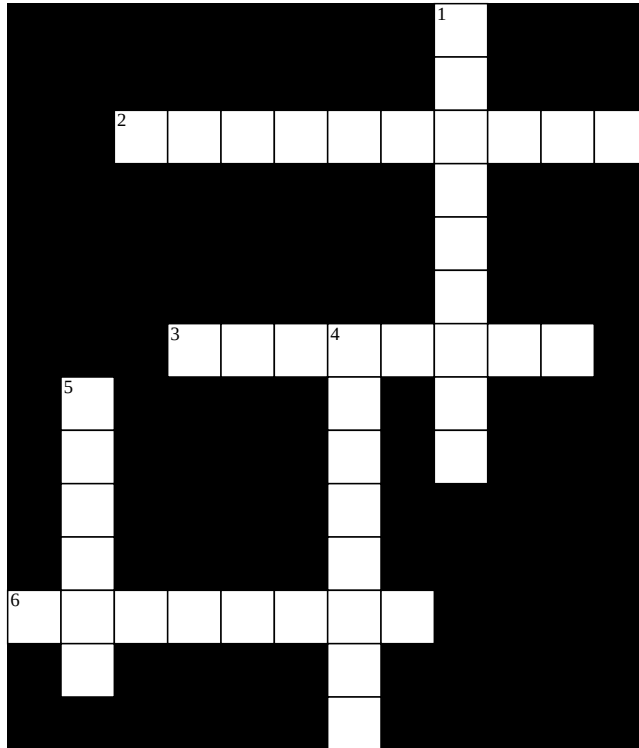
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1. Victoria is ruled from this city.
2. Australia's smallest mainland state.
3. Tasmania's capital city.

Australia Crossword with Capitals Answer Key



Australia Crossword with Capitals (Set 2)



Clues

ACROSS

- 2. Home to the Great Barrier Reef.
- 3. Australia's smallest mainland state.
- 6. The political center of Queensland.

DOWN

- 1. Victoria's seat of power.
- 4. Island state separated by Bass Strait.
- 5. The political center of Tasmania.

Australia Crossword with Capitals

(Set 2) Answer Key



Australia Missing Vowels

Q _ _ _ n s l _ n d

N _ w S _ _ t h W _ l _ s

T _ s m _ n _ _

V _ c t _ r _ _

S _ _ t h _ _ s t r _ l _ _

Australia Word Scramble (Set 1)

1. CVOIATIR
2. UNEAQNDLES
3. TSNIMAAA
4. OUSHT URTLAASAI
5. WEN UHOTS WLEAS

Australia Word Scramble (Set 1) Answer Key

1. Victoria
2. Queensland
3. Tasmania
4. South Australia
5. New South Wales

Australia Word Scramble (Set 2)

1. ORVTAICI
2. ENW UOHST AELSW
3. MAIATASN
4. STHUO RAITLAAUS
5. NESANQEUDL

Australia Word Scramble (Set 2) Answer Key

1. Victoria
2. New South Wales
3. Tasmania
4. South Australia
5. Queensland

Australia Word Scramble (Set 3)

1. SLAQNEDNEU
2. TVOICIRA
3. AAITNSMA
4. TOHUS IATRLUAAS
5. NEW HOUTS SAEWL

Australia Word Scramble (Set 3) Answer Key

1. Queensland
2. Victoria
3. Tasmania
4. South Australia
5. New South Wales

Australia Word Scramble (Set 4)

1. ATNMIAAS
2. EQALSNEUDN
3. AOTRVICI
4. SUOHT RITUALSAA
5. EWN SHTOU ALESW

Australia Word Scramble (Set 4) Answer Key

1. Tasmania
2. Queensland
3. Victoria
4. South Australia
5. New South Wales

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 5)

1. TUATLAURSIHAOS
2. DEQNSUAELN
3. ARTIVCOI
4. ITMNASAA
5. LSAOSHEEWNWUT
6. HAQBTR

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 5) Answer Key

1. South Australia
2. Queensland
3. Victoria
4. Tasmania
5. New South Wales
6. Hobart

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 6)

1. AAINATSM
2. SHUIOATSRTAAUL
3. AEUSELNNDQ
4. COARVTII
5. HOTARB
6. WSHSLOTUEWENA

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 6) Answer Key

1. Tasmania
2. South Australia
3. Queensland
4. Victoria
5. Hobart
6. New South Wales

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 7)

1. SNNELQUADE
2. TAULASURIASOTH
3. INAMASAT
4. OHULNTSAWEWSE
5. TOIARIVC
6. ATRHBO

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 7) Answer Key

1. Queensland
2. South Australia
3. Tasmania
4. New South Wales
5. Victoria
6. Hobart

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 8)

1. UNAEHOSLSWTWE
2. AOSIUUATLRSATH
3. IAESBNRB
4. TACIRVIO
5. ESEQNNLDAU
6. SMTIAAAN

Australia Hard Word Scramble (Set 8) Answer Key

1. New South Wales
2. South Australia
3. Brisbane
4. Victoria
5. Queensland
6. Tasmania

Australia Cryptogram (Set 1)

1. R D N G R H A C

2. L H G S H A N H

3. Z H A R C D D H

4. T N Z L J D N H

5. G W K A C W

6. H K C I H N K C

7. U J R H D L

8. K H D Q N A

Australia Cryptogram (Set 1) Answer Key

Decoder Ring:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
H	R	Z	K	C	P	B	U	N	Y	X	I	S	A	J	V	O	D	G	L	F	T	Q	M	W	E

- | | |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1. R D N G R H A C | Brisbane |
| 2. L H G S H A N H | Tasmania |
| 3. Z H A R C D D H | Canberra |
| 4. T N Z L J D N H | Victoria |
| 5. G W K A C W | Sydney |
| 6. H K C I H N K C | Adelaide |
| 7. U J R H D L | Hobart |
| 8. K H D Q N A | Darwin |

Australia Cryptogram (Set 2)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

Australia Cryptogram (Set 2) Answer Key

Decoder Ring:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
O	H	G	Z	S	Y	L	B	E	W	A	Q	X	D	R	U	I	J	N	V	M	F	K	T	P	C

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. G O D H S J J O | Canberra |
| 2. H J E N H O D S | Brisbane |
| 3. O Z S Q O E Z S | Adelaide |
| 4. F E G V R J E O | Victoria |
| 5. B R H O J V | Hobart |
| 6. V O N X O D E O | Tasmania |
| 7. Z O J K E D | Darwin |
| 8. N P Z D S P | Sydney |

Australia Cryptogram (Set 3)

1. A G J Q A Z R L

2. X T A Z G N

3. B Z G P J R

4. K J O N T G J Z

5. Z B L Y Z J B L

6. O Z R A L G G Z

7. N Z Q F Z R J Z

8. Q D B R L D

Australia Cryptogram (Set 3) Answer Key

Decoder Ring:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z A O B L M U X J C I Y F R T W S G Q N V K P H D E

- | | |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1. A G J Q A Z R L | Brisbane |
| 2. X T A Z G N | Hobart |
| 3. B Z G P J R | Darwin |
| 4. K J O N T G J Z | Victoria |
| 5. Z B L Y Z J B L | Adelaide |
| 6. O Z R A L G G Z | Canberra |
| 7. N Z Q F Z R J Z | Tasmania |
| 8. Q D B R L D | Sydney |

Australia Cryptogram (Set 4)

1. C H E T V Z

2. E V L G E T F R

3. T J R S T L J R

4. G B J F R B

5. U T F E R V V T

6. Q L U Z H V L T

7. J T V O L F

8. Z T G N T F L T

Australia Cryptogram (Set 4) Answer Key

Decoder Ring:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
T	E	U	J	R	K	M	C	L	P	I	S	N	F	H	Y	X	V	G	Z	W	Q	O	D	B	A

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. C H E T V Z | Hobart |
| 2. E V L G E T F R | Brisbane |
| 3. T J R S T L J R | Adelaide |
| 4. G B J F R B | Sydney |
| 5. U T F E R V V T | Canberra |
| 6. Q L U Z H V L T | Victoria |
| 7. J T V O L F | Darwin |
| 8. Z T G N T F L T | Tasmania |

Australia Cryptogram (Set 5)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

Australia Cryptogram (Set 5) Answer Key

Decoder Ring:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
N	P	F	K	U	G	R	X	V	C	Q	M	J	O	L	Y	D	W	H	B	E	T	I	Z	S	A

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. N K U M N V K U | Adelaide |
| 2. H S K O U S | Sydney |
| 3. P W V H P N O U | Brisbane |
| 4. X L P N W B | Hobart |
| 5. K N W I V O | Darwin |
| 6. T V F B L W V N | Victoria |
| 7. F N O P U W W N | Canberra |
| 8. B N H J N O V N | Tasmania |

Australia Word Search (Set 1)

N	K	H	Q	F	L	Z	J	S	S
D	R	U	U	M	P	X	D	B	M
X	V	K	E	L	V	F	Y	S	V
C	I	Z	E	P	V	U	U	X	Z
W	C	K	N	J	X	M	E	I	V
X	T	A	S	M	A	N	I	A	L
B	O	U	L	E	H	K	R	Y	G
V	R	W	A	Q	H	B	J	N	Z
G	I	H	N	G	J	P	W	S	S
G	A	P	D	R	Y	T	A	H	V

Words to find:

Queensland

Tasmania

Victoria

Australia Word Search (Set 1) Answer Key

N	K	H	Q	F	L	Z	J	S	S
D	R	U	U	M	P	X	D	B	M
X	V	K	E	L	V	F	Y	S	V
C	I	Z	E	P	V	U	U	X	Z
W	C	K	N	J	X	M	E	I	V
X	T	A	S	M	A	N	I	A	L
B	O	U	L	E	H	K	R	Y	G
V	R	W	A	Q	H	B	J	N	Z
G	I	H	N	G	J	P	W	S	S
G	A	P	D	R	Y	T	A	H	V

Australia Word Search (Set 2)

Z	C	G	V	O	O	T	E	W	F
C	V	D	R	F	N	V	T	J	F
V	I	C	T	O	R	I	A	G	H
Y	G	J	R	G	Y	Q	S	X	K
H	S	W	Q	R	K	U	M	J	X
Q	U	E	E	N	S	L	A	N	D
M	H	U	X	R	T	U	N	Q	K
R	Z	H	P	Y	J	A	I	X	T
M	U	W	V	N	C	E	A	O	C
P	L	F	G	B	H	E	K	D	V

Words to find:

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Australia Word Search (Set 2) Answer Key

Z	C	G	V	O	O	T	E	W	F
C	V	D	R	F	N	V	T	J	F
V	I	C	T	O	R	I	A	G	H
Y	G	J	R	G	Y	Q	S	X	K
H	S	W	Q	R	K	U	M	J	X
Q	U	E	E	N	S	L	A	N	D
M	H	U	X	R	T	U	N	Q	K
R	Z	H	P	Y	J	A	I	X	T
M	U	W	V	N	C	E	A	O	C
P	L	F	G	B	H	E	K	D	V

Australia Hard Word Search (Set 3)

A	B	V	W	U	P	X	I	V	B
Z	I	K	T	I	X	X	T	L	P
R	Q	A	W	I	D	K	A	W	Z
J	H	C	Q	T	L	Z	S	P	Y
P	S	O	Y	I	I	U	M	O	I
Q	U	E	E	N	S	L	A	N	D
F	S	T	E	K	J	W	N	U	D
Y	A	I	R	O	T	C	I	V	F
K	M	C	N	U	H	T	A	I	N
S	L	N	N	K	A	S	P	H	B

Words to find:

Queensland

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Australia Hard Word Search (Set 3) Answer Key

A	B	V	W	U	P	X	I	V	B
Z	I	K	T	I	X	X	T	L	P
R	Q	A	W	I	D	K	A	W	Z
J	H	C	Q	T	L	Z	S	P	Y
P	S	O	Y	I	I	U	M	O	I
Q	U	E	E	N	S	L	A	N	D
F	S	T	E	K	J	W	N	U	D
Y	A	I	R	O	T	C	I	V	F
K	M	C	N	U	H	T	A	I	N
S	L	N	N	K	A	S	P	H	B

Australia Hard Word Search (Set 4)

A	I	R	O	T	C	I	V	P	V
Q	T	Z	W	A	K	D	L	G	L
Z	P	Y	B	S	K	I	W	B	N
Q	R	E	A	M	U	P	K	P	D
L	W	L	G	A	G	Y	S	R	E
Q	U	E	E	N	S	L	A	N	D
D	J	V	L	I	N	L	V	B	U
O	W	M	F	A	B	L	V	L	B
W	H	T	D	A	L	U	R	D	X
S	U	G	L	E	S	E	O	Z	P

Words to find:

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Australia Hard Word Search (Set 4) Answer Key

A	I	R	O	T	C	I	V	P	V
Q	T	Z	W	A	K	D	L	G	L
Z	P	Y	B	S	K	I	W	B	N
Q	R	E	A	M	U	P	K	P	D
L	W	L	G	A	G	Y	S	R	E
Q	U	E	E	N	S	L	A	N	D
D	J	V	L	I	N	L	V	B	U
O	W	M	F	A	B	L	V	L	B
W	H	T	D	A	L	U	R	D	X
S	U	G	L	E	S	E	O	Z	P

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