

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA



Ideas for Parents and Teachers

Pogo Books let children practice reading informational text while introducing them to nonfiction features such as headings, labels, sidebars, maps, and diagrams, as well as a table of contents, glossary, and index.

Carefully leveled text with a strong photo match offers early fluent readers the support they need to succeed.

Before Reading

- “Walk” through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child’s questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: The Great Barrier Reef is becoming heavily polluted. What can you do to help protect endangered areas where you live?

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CHAPTER 1

WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA!

Welcome to the Land Down Under!
This country is south of the **equator**.
Look for kangaroos in the Outback.
Play a game of **cricket**.



**Sydney is the largest city.
The Sydney Opera House
is here. This is Australia!**

An aerial photograph of the Sydney Opera House, a large, white, sail-shaped building situated on a peninsula in Sydney, Australia. The building is surrounded by blue water, and a green and yellow ferry is visible in the foreground. In the background, the Sydney city skyline is visible across the water. A large red watermark "Fotoview" is overlaid diagonally across the image.

**Sydney
Opera House**

dingo



frilled lizard



koala



emu





Much of Australia is covered in grassland, desert, and rock formations. This is called the Outback. Dingoes race across the sand. The frilled lizard is here, too.

Areas with woodlands, shrubs, and plants are known as “the bush.” Koalas live in the trees. Emus feed on seeds and plants.



DID YOU KNOW?

The lyrebird is an Australian songbird. It imitates the calls of other birds. It can also make the sounds of a cell phone. A chain saw. Even a car alarm!



The Great Barrier Reef lies along the northeast coast. It is the world's largest and longest **coral reef**. It is so large it can be seen from outer space!

The reef is home to thousands of sea animals. Like what? Tropical fish. Sea turtles. Sea snakes. Even manatees!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Thousands of people come every year to see the Great Barrier Reef. But it is in danger from **pollution**. Chemicals, plastics, and garbage get into the ocean. What steps could be taken to protect the reef?





QUICK FACTS & TOOLS

AT A GLANCE



AUSTRALIA

Location: Oceania, between Indian and South Pacific Oceans

Size: 3 million square miles
(7,741,220 square kilometers)

Population: 23,232,413
(July 2017 estimate)

Capital: Canberra

Type of Government:
parliamentary democracy under
a constitutional monarchy

Language: English

Exports: iron ore, coal, gold,
natural gas, beef

Currency: Australian dollar