

Characteristics of Australia

Topic/language idea: Characteristics of Australia.

Class: Middle school/high school

Level: Intermediate/ upper-intermediate.

Time : 45 minutes

Aims:

- To learn about Australia
- To learn about Australian English
- To learn about Australian climate, fauna and flora.
- Australian industry and trade, Australian education system.
- Australian Aboriginal people.
- To look for specific information on the internet
- To read for specific information
- To transfer the information.
- To use web pages, prepare a Power Point presentation.

CLIL: Geography, History, Social studies

Materials : included photocopies, access to the internet and personal computer, speakers.

STAGE	AIMS	PROCEDURE	CLASSROOM LANGUAGE	TIME	MATERIALS
Introduction	To start the lesson	Check the register / check homework		1 min/ 6 min	
Warm –up activity	To provide students with introduction to the topic	Write AUSTRALIA on the board and ask the students to create a mind map.	What comes to your mind when you think of Australia? Have you ever been there, would you like to go ? Do you know any Australian groups/ actors...	5 min	
The main part of the lesson	To learn about Australian climate, fauna and flora, industry and natural resources, educational system, Aboriginal people.	Tell the student they will work in five groups. Give one presentation topic to each group and ask them to prepare a short presentation to the rest of the class . Encourage the students to use many photograp.s. Closely monitor the time.	Prepare a Power Point presentation on one of the following topics, then present it to the rest of the class. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian climate. • Australian fauna and flora. • Australian industry and trade. • Australian education system. • Australian Aboriginal people. http://brandonsanders.blogspot.com/2010_04_01_archive.html http://www.csu.edu.au/australia http://www.skwirk.com/p-t_s-16_u-307_t-752/physical-characteristics-of-australia/nsw/geography/australia's-physical-environment http://www.dfat.gov.au/facts/people_culture.html	15 min	Worksheet 1 Internet

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	To present the information to the rest of the class	Students present their Power Point presentation to the class, make sure	Student' own presentations	25 min/ 5 min per each presentation	
Wrap-up	To find out more about Australia	Tell the student to find out more about Australian lifestyle.	Flying doctors, School of the Air, sheep shearing, Marmite, Ned Kelly, Stolen generations.	2 min	

Sources:

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