

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.	<p>Tell the student they will work in five groups.</p> <p>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 photographs.</p> <p>Closely monitor the time.</p>	<p>Prepare a Power Point presentation on one of the following topics, then present it to the rest of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian climate. • Australian fauna and flora. • Australian industry and trade. • Australian education system. • Australian Aboriginal people. <p>http://brandonsanders.blogspot.com/2010_04_01_archive.html</p> <p>http://www.csu.edu.au/australia</p> <p>http://www.skwork.com/p-t_s-16_u-307_t-752/physical-characteristics-of-australia/nsw/geography/australia's-physical-environment</p> <p>http://www.dfat.gov.au/facts/people_culture.html</p>	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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