

Geography of Australia

Topic/language idea: Introduction to Australia's geography.

Class: Middle school/high school

Level: Intermediate.

Time : 45 minutes

Aims:

- To learn about Australia, its geography and basic facts.
- To learn about Australia's landscape, symbols.
- To learn vocabulary connected with geography
- To look for specific information on the internet.
- To mark places on the contour map.
- To read for specific information
- To transfer the information.
- To use web pages, work in group.

CLIL: geography, 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?	5 min	board
The main part of the lesson	To collect basic information about Australia	Ask the students to work individually to complete the chart with basic information	Go to http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/aust.pdf http://australia.gov.au/topics/australian-facts-and-figures and complete the chart with relevant information	10 min	Worksheet 1 Internet
	To learn about two Australians symbols: its flag and the coat of arms	Ask the students to draw/ sketch Australian flag and the coat of arms. Tell the students to go online and explain the symbolism of the flag and the coat of arms.	Draw and go online to read about the symbolism. Students use information on any Australian website.	10 min	
	To learn about Australia's geography, main cities, mountains, rivers and main tourist points.	Ask the students to work in pairs and mark the given places on the contour map of Australia. The students have to complete the sentences about Australia's territories and states.	Students use information on any Australian website.	10 min	

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Wrap- up	To revise the information learnt during the lesson	Students go online to play a quiz about the geography of Australia	http://lizardpoint.com/geography/australia-quiz.php http://www.sporcle.com/games/psubball1/Australia http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/australia-quiz/	10 min	Internet
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Sources:

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/fs/aust.pdf>

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http://wiki.answers.com/Q/How_many_states_and_territories_does_Australia_have#ixzz1jHL1qgE