

Critical Thinking Skills

Australia

Skills For Critical Thinking		Reading Comprehension				
		Location	Place	Human & Environment Interactions	Movement	Regions
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match Show or Label List Information Recall Details (5Ws + H) Find Information 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe & Compare Summarize Explain Select 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize Information Interview Apply 	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclude Analyze 	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Create 					✓ ✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate Compare 			✓		✓ ✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy

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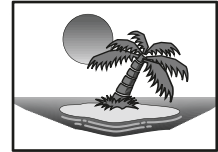


Australia - Location



1. Use a dictionary or an atlas to find the meaning of each of the following words. Write the meaning in the box below the word. Then, match the meaning to the illustration which correctly shows that definition.

coast →



A

habitable →



B

island →



C

latitude →



D

SAMPLE

2. On the map, color Australia in green. Show the equator as a red line.





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When we want to know where a place is, we can ask for directions or perhaps look at a map. Someone answering our question will probably tell us the location of a place by describing the things around it and the things that connect it to other places. This kind of description is called **relative location**. How do we describe the location of a place on a map? We can describe *exactly* where a place is by giving its **absolute location**. On a map, we can do this by looking at where lines of **latitude** and **longitude** cross.



Australia is the world's smallest **habitable** continent. It is made up of the large island of Australia, and the smaller islands of Tasmania and New Zealand. Even so, it is difficult to accurately describe its exact location. Why? It is because the eastern **coast** of New Zealand is more than 4 000 miles away from Australia's western coast! It is easier to describe Australia's relative location by looking at those features and places around it.

Many interesting features help us describe Australia's relative location. Australia is in the southern hemisphere, south of the equator. Since Australia is an island, it is surrounded by water. The Pacific Ocean lies to the east, and the Indian Ocean to the west and south. To the north are three smaller bodies of water called the Arafura Sea, the Gulf of Carpentaria, and the Torres Strait. To the northeast is a part of the Pacific Ocean known as the Coral Sea. These bodies of water provide **links** between Australia and other parts of the globe. To the north and northwest are the islands of Indonesia and New Guinea, and to the south is Antarctica. To the east and northeast are many other smaller islands that make up an area known as Oceania.

How can we best describe Australia's location?





Australia - Location

1. Match left to right to show your understanding of **absolute** and **relative** location. You must match each box to two examples.

**absolute
location**

Describes location by using latitude and longitude to give a place's exact location

A

Tasmania is south of Australia west of New Zealand, in the Tasman Sea.

B

**relative
location**

Perth is found at 31°S latitude and 115°E longitude.

C

Describes the location of a place by using the features around it

D

SAMPLE

2. **Circle** the word True if the statement is true. **Circle** the word False if it's false.

- a) On a map, we can find absolute location using latitude and longitude.
True False
- b) Australia is the world's smallest habitable continent.
True False
- c) Australia is in the northern hemisphere.
True False
- d) The Indian Ocean is to the west and south of Australia.
True False
- e) Oceania is a group of many small islands to the east and northeast of Australia.
True False
- f) Seas and oceans provide links to other continents.
True False

Australia Water Way Map

