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Ashes to Ashes

What is The Ashes?

The Ashes is a competition of test cricket between Australia and England. It takes place every two years, alternately in Australia then England. The teams will play each other 5 times during The Ashes. Each match is called a 'Test' and these take place over 5 days with each team having two innings. The winner of a test match is the team with the most runs over the five days.

How did The Ashes come about?

The Ashes came about after England were beaten at home in 1882 by Australia. Newspapers were shocked by the defeat and one went on to claim that it was the death of English cricket and the ashes of it should be sent to Australia. When England next played in Australia two of the bails were burnt and the ashes became real. It is one of the smallest sporting trophies contested at only 15cm tall.

Cricket Terminology

Here are some phrases we use everyday which come from cricket.

A good innings - when someone has lived a long life

It's just not cricket - it's not fair

A sticky wicket - a tricky situation

To bowl over - to be astonished

To hit for six - to be deeply shocked or hurt

To be stumped - to have no idea



The Ashes Trophy

All About Australia

Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere. The country is largely wilderness and desert, which the Australians call the bush, and few people live here. Most people live in the fertile coastal areas.

The first people to live in Australia were the Aborigines who came from Asia between 120,000 and 60,000 years ago. A Dutchman called Willem Jansz was the first European to land on Australia. In 1770 Captain James Cook landed on Australia and discovered some of its unique plants and animals.

Australia became a penal (prison) colony in the 18th century and criminals would be sent there from England to serve their sentence. A total of 160,000 convicts were sent to Australia.



Sydney is Australia's largest city housing 4.3 million people and is situated in New South Wales. Almost 40% of people who live in Sydney were born outside of Australia.

For further information visit:

www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

The Great Barrier Reef is a coral reef just off the coast of Queensland. It stretches over 1800 miles and is as much as 40 miles wide in places.

In addition to colourful coral reefs there are many underwater animals such as rays and dolphins. There are over 1500 species of tropical fish with a whole range of colours. There are also about 20 different reptiles turtles and giant clams.

For more information visit:

www.greatbarrierreef.org



Literacy Fun

Wordsearch

k	a	l	a	o	k	d	k	t	d
b	u	d	g	e	r	i	g	a	r
k	o	a	l	m	r	n	l	b	o
b	u	d	w	o	n	g	a	m	n
r	e	b	b	a	y	o	k	o	g
w	a	l	l	a	b	y	o	w	o
b	o	o	m	e	r	a	n	g	k
k	o	o	k	a	b	u	r	r	a

Can you find the following Aboriginal words in the grid - do you know what they mean?

Budgerigar
Dingo
Koala
Kookaburra
Wallaby
Wonga
Boomerang
Yabber
Wombat
Drongo

Word Puzzle

How many words can you make using the letters from the following words?

test match cricket

Flag Match

Match the test playing nation with their flag.

England



Australia

South Africa



West Indies

New Zealand

India



Pakistan

Sri Lanka



Zimbabwe

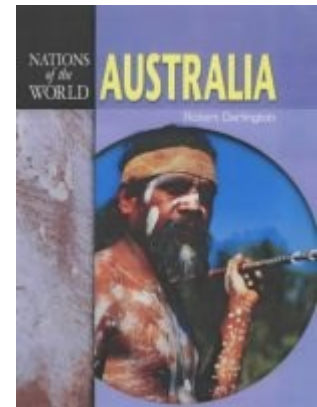
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Aussie Facts

The Darling is Australia's longest river flowing for more than 1700 miles.

30% of Australians depend on underground water reached by wells. This is because periods with no rain can last up to 8 months.



Cricket Facts

The women's Cricket World Cup has been staged on 10 occasions since 1973. Australia have won six of them.; 1978, 1982, 1988, 1997, 2005 and 2013



Charlotte Edwards (England) scored her 4,845th run in women's One-Day Internationals. The World Cup Champions England were defending their title against India in 2013. This is the most number of runs by a woman in this format of the game.

"I understand cricket - what's going on, the scoring - but I can't understand why."

Bill Bryson, American writer