

Australia is sometimes called “the land down under” because it is in the southern part of the world. It is the largest island in the world. There are many deserts in Australia. The weather is hot and dry. When it is summer in Europe it is winter in Australia. Winter is from May to September. In winter there are many storms on the coasts. On the northwest coast these hurricanes are called “willy-willys”.



Ayers Rock

(photo: Thomas Schoch)

**A few examples of Australian English:**

- G'day:** Hello
- a tinnie:** a can of beer
- a Pom:** someone from Britain
- a barbie:** a barbecue
- this arvo:** this afternoon
- a station:** a farm

Und was heißt wohl:  
**Ow-ya-goin'-orright?**

Aborigines are the people who first lived in Australia. British people started to settle there about 250 years ago. They were prisoners transported in chains from Britain. But after gold was discovered in the 1850s, thousands of free settlers left the cold, dark industrial towns of Britain to find their place in the sun.

Today more than 18 million people live in Australia. Over eighty percent of the today's population is of British origin. Other immigrants have come from countries such as Italy, Greece and Poland, or from Asian countries.

- part:** Teil
- large:** gross
- desert:** Wüste
- coast:** Küste

- settle:** sich niederlassen.
- about:** etwa, ungefähr
- prisoner:** Gefangener
- chain:** Kette

- discover:** entdecken
- percent:** Prozent
- origin:** Ursprung

**Colour the flag. You need a blue and a red pencil.**

**Australia = Australien (Austria = Österreich)**

**The four seasons are:**

...*spring*..., ....., ....., .....

**Translate:**

1. Wir wohnen im südlichen Teil des Landes.....
2. Ist es eine große Insel oder ein Kontinent? .....
3. Es hat viele Stürme an der Küste. ....
4. Die Siedler kommen aus Griechenland. ....
5. Kommen Sie aus Polen? .....
6. Sie kommt nicht aus Australien. ....
7. Ich denke, sie kommen aus einem asiatischen Land. ....
8. Hast du deinen Platz an der Sonne gefunden? .....

