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G'day! I live in Sydney, Australia, and I'm proud to be Australian. These are some of the things I love about my country.

Australia factfile:

Population: 23.8 million
Language: English
Capital city: Canberra
Currency: Australian dollar

The Outback



Two thirds of Australia is desert. We call this land 'the outback' and only 700,000 people – about 3% of the total population – live here. Temperatures in the middle of the outback sometimes **reach** 50°C in the summer but in the winter they fall to -10°C.

The Great Barrier Reef



The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure in the world. It's in the Coral Sea off the coast of Queensland and it's 2,600 km long! More than 1500 different species of fish live in the Great Barrier Reef and there are also many other animals, including **sea turtles**, sharks and **seahorses**. It's a very popular place for tourists and more than 2 million people visit it every year.

The People

The original people of Australia were the Aborigines. They first came to Australia more than 60,000 years ago. Then, in the eighteenth century, Europeans came to Australia and took the land from the Aborigines. They also brought **diseases** and other problems. During this time, 90% of the Aboriginal population died. Today only 2.5% of the population are Aborigines.

Glossary:

reach – osiągać, docierać do
sea turtle – żółw morski
seahorse – konik morski
bounce – odbijać
disease – choroba
wallaby – kangur rdzawoszyi/
 gatunek torbacza z rodziny
 kangurowatych
marsupial – torbacz
mammal – ssak
pouch – torba, w której
 torbacze trzymają młode

Sport

Australians love sport! Cricket and rugby are both very important sports in Australia. There is also an Australian version of football, called Australian Football or Aussie Rules. In this version of the game, players can kick, **bounce** and hold the ball. Surfing and swimming are also very popular and Australians have many beautiful beaches to practise these sports.

The Wildlife



Kangaroos, **wallabies** and koalas are all from Australia. They are **marsupials**. A marsupial is a type of **mammal** which has a special **pouch** for its babies. There are also some very dangerous animals in Australia, including crocodiles, poisonous snakes and spiders and great white sharks.

1 Pracujcie w parach. Przeczytajcie teksty i połączcie zwroty (1–4) z definicjami (a–d).

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1 the Great Barrier Reef | a a large desert |
| 2 the Aborigines | b a place with lots of fish and sea animals |
| 3 wallabies | c the first people of Australia |
| 4 the Outback | d Australian animals |

2 Przeczytaj tekst ponownie i odpowiedz na pytania.

- How many people live in the Outback?
- How many people visit the Great Barrier Reef every year?
- When did the original people of Australia first arrive there?
- What percentage of the population is Aboriginal today?
- How does a marsupial carry its babies?
- Which sports are popular in Australia?



My turn

Napisz zdania na temat Polski.

- a popular sport
- typical wildlife
- a place of natural beauty



Check your memory

Zakryj tekst. Zdecyduj, czy poniższe zdania są prawdziwe, czy fałszywe.

- It is always hot in the outback.
- The Great Barrier Reef is near Queensland.
- A crocodile is a type of marsupial.
- Australian Football has the same rules as football in Europe.