



Continent of Oceania



What Is a Continent?

Here are the seven continents of Planet Earth. A continent is a massive piece of land that is often separated from other areas of land by water or another feature, such as mountains.



Oceania

You may not have heard of Oceania before but you might have heard of a country within the continent of Oceania, called **Australia**.

North America

Europe

Asia

Africa

South America

Antarctica

Oceania



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Fiji



Tasmania



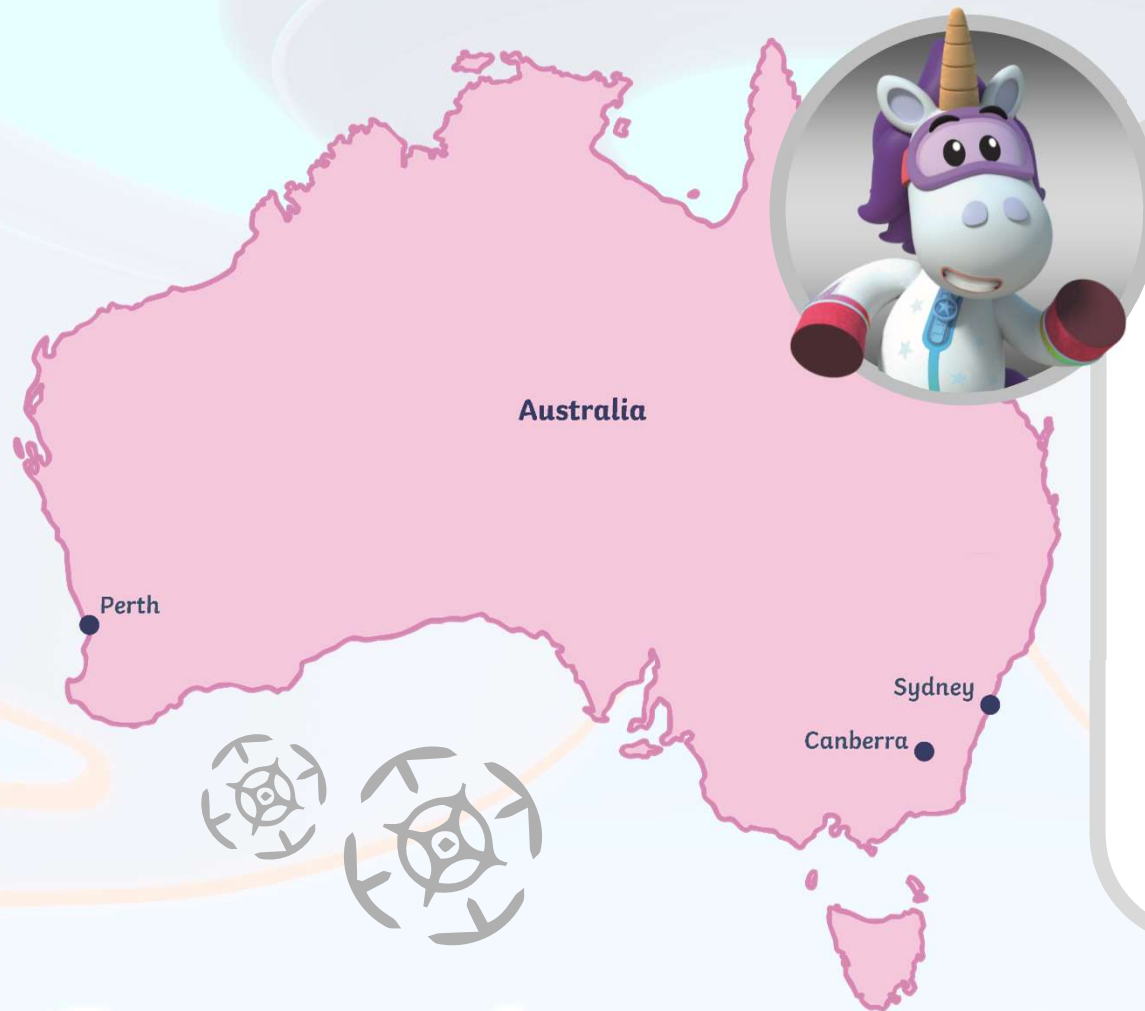
Australia



New Zealand



Australia



Around 24 million people live in Australia, which is not that many considering how large it is. 65 million people live in the United Kingdom. You could fit the UK into Australia 22 times! The capital city is Canberra. **Can you spot it on the map?**

Uluru

This huge, ancient sandstone rock can be found in central Australia.
It appears to change colour at different times of the day.



Is this a **physical** or **human** feature?

physical



Sydney Opera House

This is one of Australia's most famous landmarks. Performances, such as ballet or music concerts, take place here. It is located on the east coast of Australia. **What does the shape of the building remind you of?**



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Russell Falls

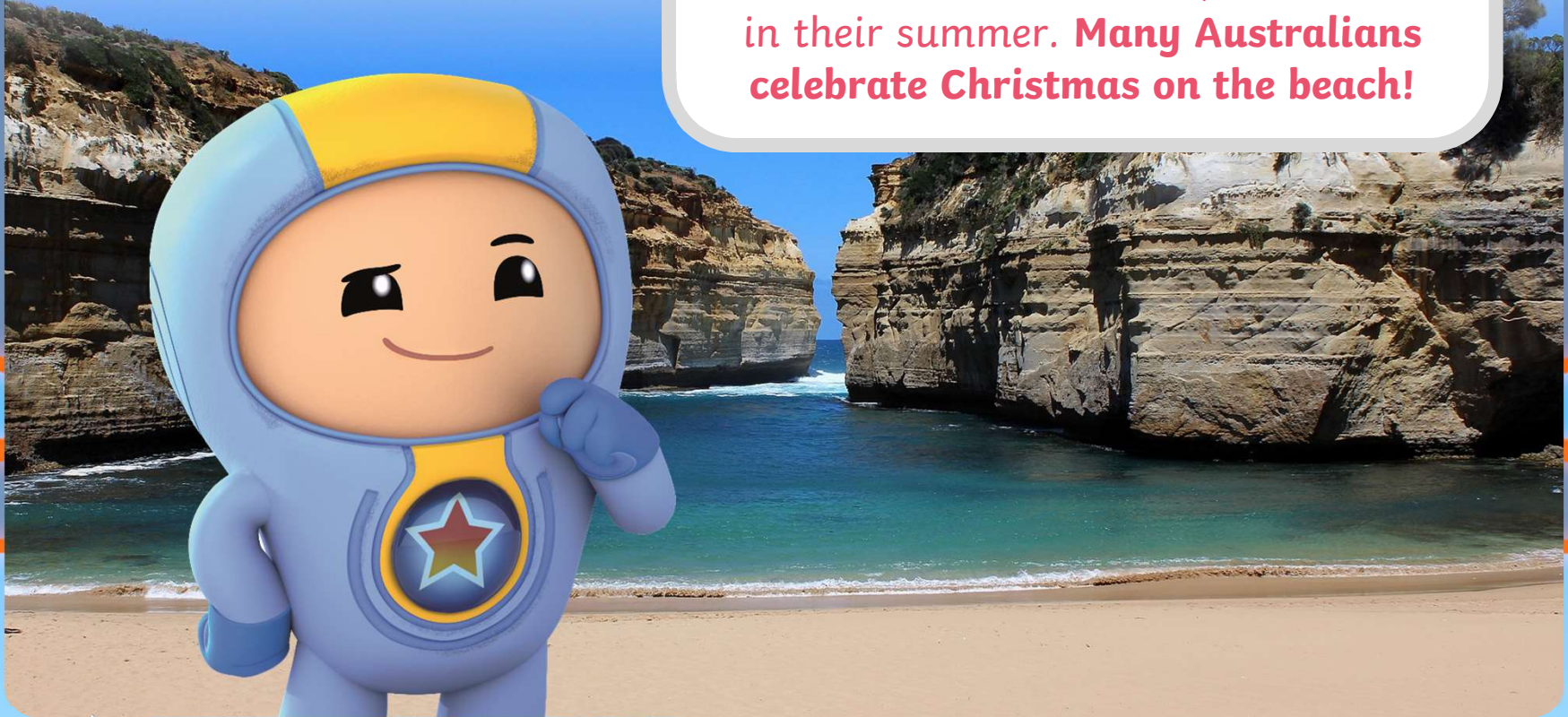
Although Tasmania is a separate island, it is part of Australia. Russell Falls can be found inside the Mount Field National Park.
Can you see the different tiers of the waterfall?



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Australian Weather

Australia's seasons are the opposite to the seasons in the United Kingdom. When the UK is in winter, Australia is in their summer. **Many Australians celebrate Christmas on the beach!**



New Zealand

New Zealand's main islands are **North** and **South** Islands.

The capital city of New Zealand is Wellington, which is on North Island.

Almost three quarters of South Island is made up of mountains and rocky ground.



Sky Tower

The Sky Tower can be found in Auckland, on North Island. It is 328 metres tall which makes it the tallest building in New Zealand.



Sky Tower

Inside you'll find hotels, restaurants and a theatre. One of the restaurants revolves. **Now that's what I call a meal with a view!**



Aoraki / Mount Cook

I have to fly way up high to get a good view of New Zealand's tallest mountain. It's on South Island and a popular place for hikers and mountain climbers. The indigenous people of the land named this mountain **Aoraki**.

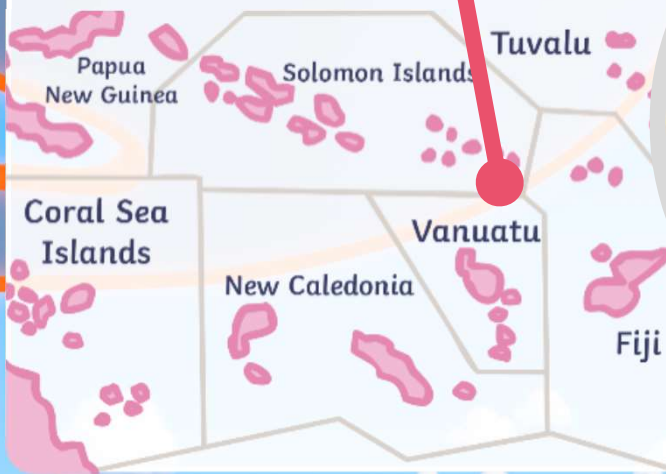


Since being landmarked by the explorer James Cook, it was given an additional name, **Mount Cook**.



Mount Yasur

The country of Vanuatu is made up of several islands. One of the islands, Tanna Island, is home to **Mount Yasur** – an active volcano. It is thought to be one of the most active volcanoes in the world.



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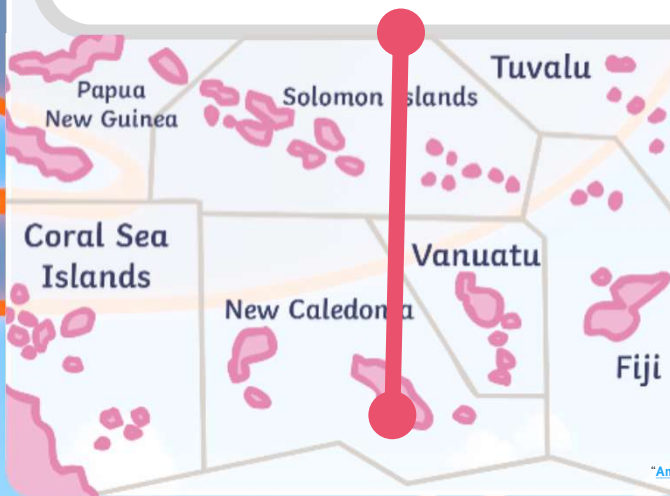
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Amédée Lighthouse

New Caledonia is home to the Amédée Lighthouse.

Amazingly, it was made in France then taken to pieces before being transported to its island home. The lighthouse has 247 steps. It is one of the tallest lighthouses in the world and made from metal.

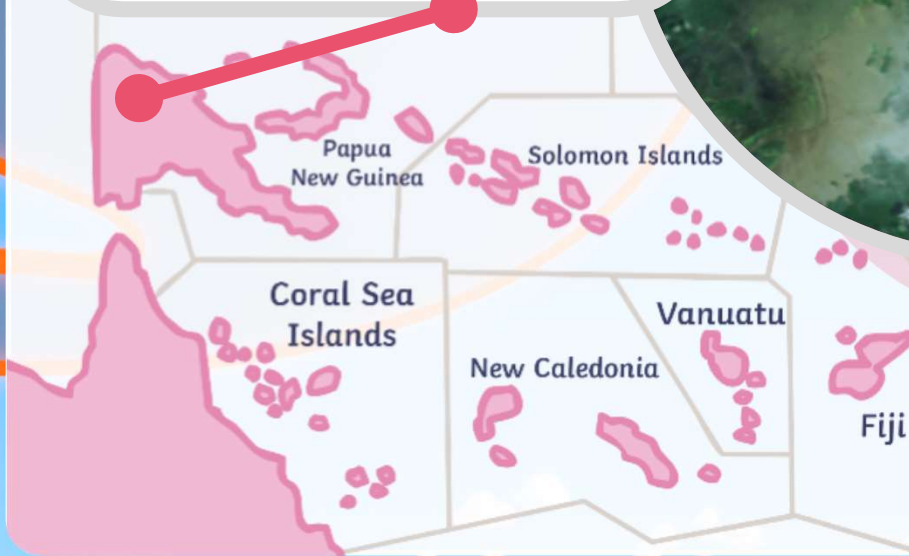
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Lake Murray

Lake Murray is the largest lake in Papua New Guinea.



Ha'amonga 'a Maui

This trilithon can be found on the island of Tongatapu, one of the many islands of Tonga. A **trilithon** is a structure made up of two vertical stones with one resting horizontally across the top. You might have seen something similar if you've been to Stonehenge in England.



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Ha'amonga 'a Maui



It is around 5 metres tall and thousands of years old. We are not certain why it was created. It has been said that it was built as a royal gateway or to symbolise the brotherhood between the King's two sons long ago.

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Nauru

Nauru is the smallest island nation in Oceania and in the world. Can you spot it on the map? Many of the people who live there speak English. Its closest neighbour is an island 200 miles away! **Where is 200 miles away from you?**

