

Expedition Australia



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Introduction

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It's usually the kangaroos that catch a child's attention when you start talking about Australia. Then they fall in love with the koalas and the wombats, the language and the people. As we head off on our expedition to learn about Australia, we will be studying these things and having a trip to remember!

With the new Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning Expedition Australia, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this country and all that it holds. Your child will learn about continents, the people and places of Australia, the unique animals of Australia, and even how a boomerang works. Each day will be spent exploring and investigating, creating and adding more learning components to the Expedition Australia lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

From developing an understanding of the Australian word “barbie” to investigating the Great Barrier Reef, your child is about to begin a trip around the globe on a unique learning adventure. With this premier title in the world geography theme of the Download N Go™ series, your child will be developing a natural appreciation of all of God's creation, one country at a time.

We will be investigating:

- Where on Earth is Australia?
- Some of the Special Places in Australia
- A Bit of Australian History
- Cool Things to Know About Australia
- Fun and Games in Australia

Welcome to our newest expedition. Australia, here we come!

Note to parents: *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*



Daily Objectives

Day 1: Where on Earth Is Australia?

1. What is a continent?
2. What are the seven continents?
3. Investigate the Great Barrier Reef.
4. Learn about the koala.

Day 2: Some of the Special Places in Australia

1. What are the main regions of Australia?
2. Let's take a look at Uluru.
3. Learn about the kangaroo.
4. Investigate some of the major cities.

Day 3: A Bit of Australian History

1. Where is the Great Victoria Desert?
2. Learn about the wombat.
3. Become familiar with the flag of Australia.
4. Who was Captain Cook, and who are the Aborigines?

Day 4: Cool Things to Know About Australia

1. Investigate the Great Dividing Range.
2. Learn about the platypus.
3. Become familiar with the Southern Cross constellation.
4. What is National Australia Day?

Day 5: Fun and Games in Australia

1. Investigate the Outback.
2. How does a boomerang work?
3. Learn about the Tasmanian devil.
4. Become familiar with the Australian national anthem.

Day 1: Where on Earth Is Australia?

Today you are going to learn about Australia—where it is on the globe and about its animals and geography. First, we are going to start today with two video clips:

Video: [Great Barrier Reef](#)

Video: [Humpback Whales at Hervey Bay, Australia](#)

What is a continent?

[Continents](#)

[Geography Terms for Kids](#)

Write the definition for continent below.



Australian Animal of the Day: kangaroo

Make an [*"Animals of Australia" wheel*](#) for your lapbook. Include the koala and kangaroo. You will add more Australian animals to your wheel later this week.

Learn about the kangaroo using these links, and then answer the questions.

[Kangaroos](#)

[Kangaroos](#)

[Red Kangaroo](#)

Draw a Kangaroo below.

