

READ ABOUT AUSTRALIA:

Outback Australia

Research activity

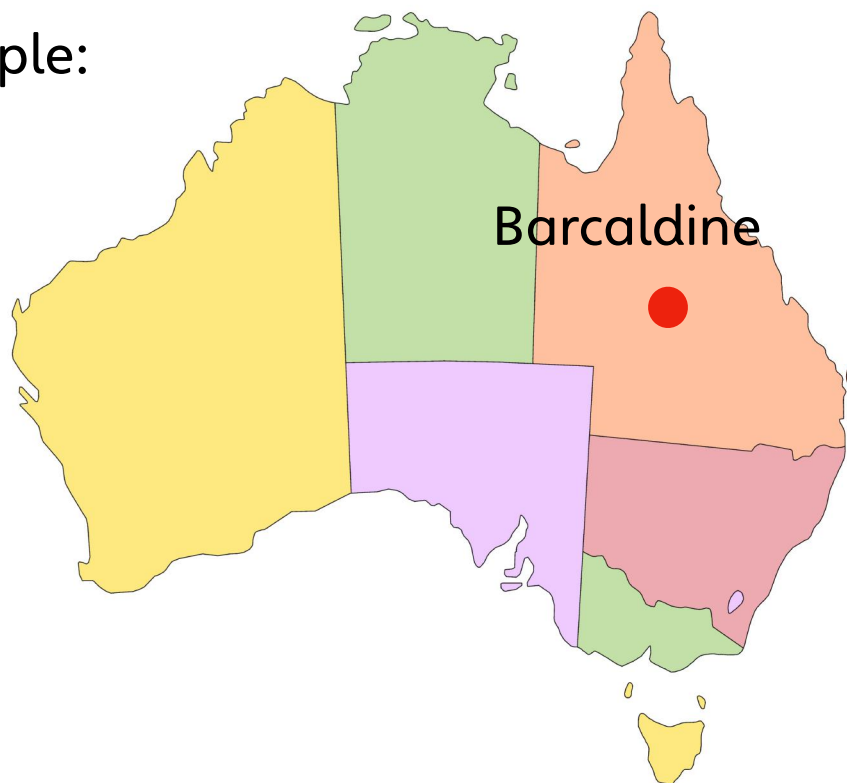


This is a post-reading activity, especially useful for learners who need to spend a little time on easy online research.

Choose an outback town (I chose Barcaldine, as it has some interesting YouTube videos) and find it on a map of Australia.

Talk about the easiest way to ask a search engine for information... then follow the steps on the next page!

An example:



Research activity

- Choose an outback town...I liked Barcaldine (QLD).
- Find it on a map of Australia (on screen or wall map).
- What do you think life is like here?
- Watch a YouTube video, like:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4VgJ_Rcg74
- Alternatively, find images/town map online.
- Cut up the research cards.
- Work in pairs. Each pair gets one or two research cards.
- Pairs use phones to find out the information.
- Then they present their findings to the class.
- Finally, discussion. Make a chart on the board:

<p>GOOD THINGS ABOUT LIVING HERE</p> <p>Maybe cheap housing, friendly, safe for kids, relaxed</p>	<p>DIFFICULT THINGS ABOUT LIVING HERE</p> <p>Maybe floods, far from friends, no uni, hot</p>
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What is the name of
this town?

What state or territory
is it in?

What is the nearest
big city?

What is the population
of this town?

How much is a 3 bed
house in this town?
(Rent or buy)

Is there a bakery
in this town?

Are there local buses
or do people walk?

Is there a library
in this town?

Does this town have
a nickname?

How much is a bus trip
to the capital city?

Is there an airport?
Where can you fly to?

Is there a river
or lake?
Can you go fishing?

Can you find jobs
in this town?
For example...

Does this town have
floods or bushfires?

Does this town have a
museum or art gallery?

Is there a
soccer team here?

What is the maximum
temperature in January?

What is the maximum
temperature in July?

How many supermarkets
are there?

Is there a hospital?
Is it big or small?

Is there a swimming pool?
How much is entry?

Is there a school?
Does it go to Year 12?

Is there a TAFE
or a University?

Who are the local
First Nations people?

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Read about Australia: The Outback questions.

BLANKS for extra questions