



Brainy Yak

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Standard: SS6G11 – Locate selected features of Australia.

Element: a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: the Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea, Uluru/Ayers Rock, Indian and Pacific Oceans, Great Dividing Range, and Great Victoria

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Australia is the world's only **country** and **continent**.

Australia is the world's **smallest** continent.

Australia is located southeast of the Asian mainland in a region known as **Oceania**.

It is situated between the **Indian** Ocean (west) and the **Pacific** Ocean (east.)

Indian Ocean



Pacific Ocean

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Oceania is in a continental group consisting of numerous countries and includes **Pacific** islands and **Australia**.

Often **Australia** is named as **continent**, but this means that the many **islands** and countries except Australia would then be not included.

Oceania in fact is mostly **ocean**.

Australia is the largest island in **Oceania**.

Oceania has more than **250** languages spoken.

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The **Coral** Sea lies off the Australia's northeast coast.

The **Coral** Sea is an extension of the **Pacific** Ocean.

The **Coral** Sea is home to the **Great Barrier Reef**, which is Earth's largest **coral** reef.

It is known for its man eating **sharks**, and some of the world's most dangerous fish.



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The **Great Barrier Reef** is home to more than **900** islands. Over **2** million people visit the reef every year.

It is approximately the same area as **Italy**, Germany, Malaysia or **Japan**.

Over **1500** different **species** of fish live in the Great Barrier Reef, including clownfish, star of the animated film Finding **Nemo**.

Over **2** million **visitors** visit the Great Barrier Reef each year.

Astronauts can see it from space.

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**Great
Barrier Reef**

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Around **10** percent of the world's total fish species can be found just within the Great Barrier Reef.

The Great Barrier Reef is home to a wide range of life, including fish, giant clam, **seahorse**, sea **snakes**, nudibranch, sea **turtles**, stingray, sharks and many more.



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The **Great Barrier Reef** is home to some of the most exotic fish on Earth.



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The **Great Dividing Range** is located along the eastern coast of Australia

It is the continent's largest **mountain** range.

It is **2,100** miles long and is the **third** longest mountain range in the world.



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The **Great Victoria Desert** is located in Australia's southern interior.

Its name is from British **Monarch** Queen Victoria in 1875.

It covers more than 160,000 square miles of terrain.

Covers almost **4.5%** of the continent!



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Ayers rock is located in central Australia above the Great Victoria **Desert**.

It is called **Uluru** (oo-loo-ROO) by the aborigines that live there.

It is the world's largest sandstone **monolith**.

A **monolith** is a large single upright block of **stone**.

It is one of Australia's most popular **tourist** spots next to the **Coral Sea** and **Great** Barrier Reef.

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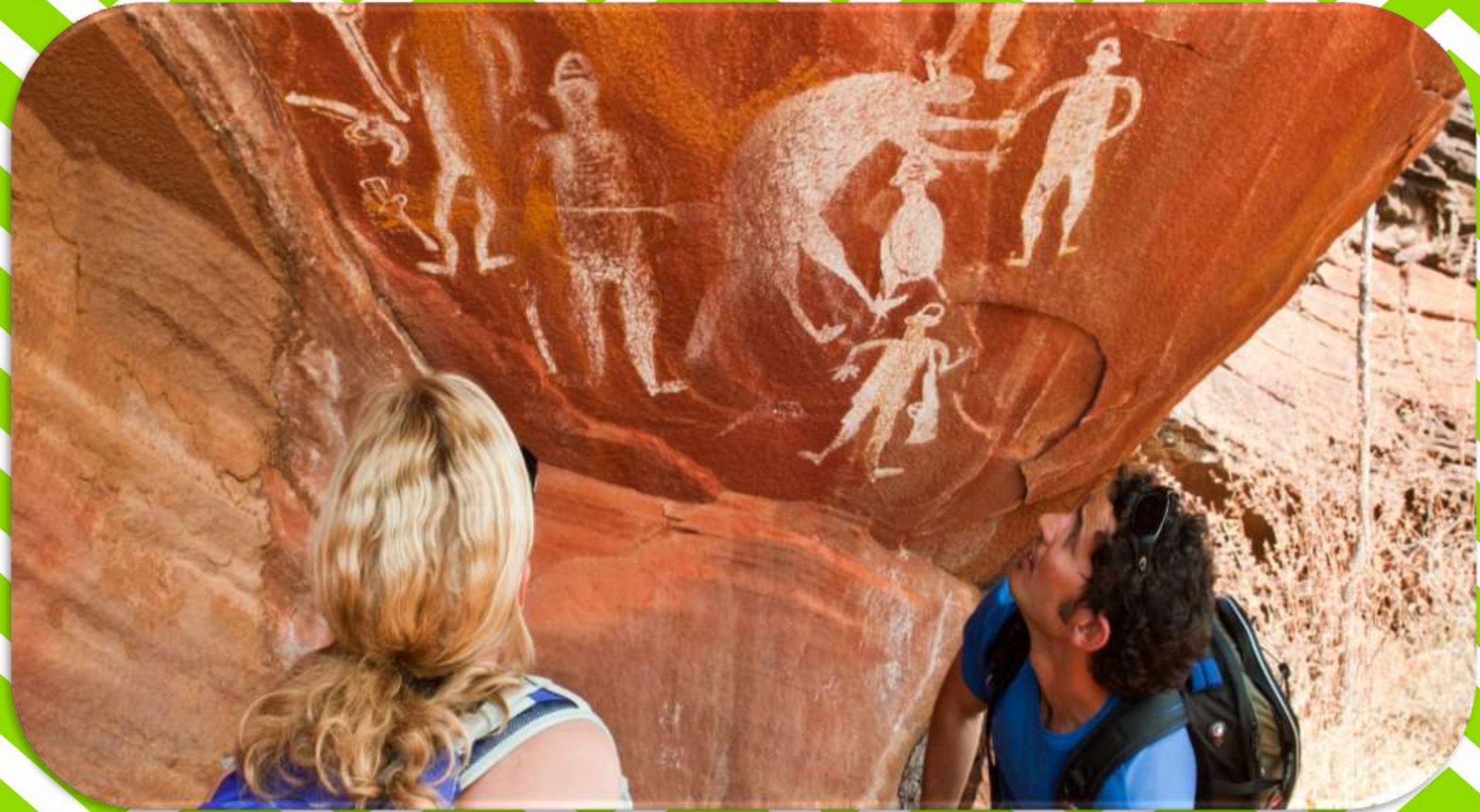
Ayers rock is **six-mile-wide** and nearly twelve-story's tall.

Iron present in Ayers Rock causes it to rust at the surface and turn a **reddish** color. Uluru plays a prominent role in local **Aboriginal** creation **myths**.

Ayers Rock is the most sacred spot for the Aboriginal People. Some of the worlds most famous Rock Art comes from here.



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The picture above is one of thousands of original rock art on Ayers Rock.