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AUSTRALIA – CITIES AND PLACES OF INTEREST

STUDENT'S WORK SHEET

Task 1: Do you know any places of interest or any large cities in Australia? What do you know about them?

Task 2: Read this text to learn more:

Cities

- 1. Canberra** became the capital city of Australia in 1908. The territory where it is situated is called **The Australian Capital Territory**. It is the seat of the Parliament and the Government and there are many of Australian institutions. It was designed by an American architect Walter Burley Griffin who gave it a modern look. In the center of the city there is an artificial lake called **Lake Burley Griffin** with **The Captain James Cook Memorial Water Jet** which was constructed on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of James Cook's discovery of Australia.
- 2. Sydney** is the oldest and the largest city in Australia. It was built in 1788 on the place where **Captain James Cook** landed in **Botany Bay**. It's the capital of **New South Wales** with the population of about 4,600,000 people. It's a busy financial, industrial and cultural center with many beautiful buildings, theatres, concert halls, sport facilities and the oldest university in Australia. The best known building there is **the Sydney Opera House** built in a shape of waves or a shelf (it depends on your imagination). Next to it there is the famous **Sydney Harbour Bridge**. It's the fifth largest steel arch bridge in the world. There are over forty beaches in Sydney or within easy reach of the city. The best known are **Bondi Beach, Palm Beach** or **Pittwater**. Sydney hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 2000.
- 3. Melbourne** is the Australia's second largest city with the population of 4,100,000 people and it's the capital of **Victoria**. It's an important commercial, industrial and cultural center. It's often called the "Garden City" and the "Cultural Capital" of Australia. There are a lot of parks and gardens with a lot of rare species of animals and plants.
- 4. Brisbane** is the third largest city in Australia and the capital of **Queensland**. It's an excellent river port and a busy air terminal. It's a home of several Australian tallest buildings. The tallest one is **Soleil (243m)**.
- 5. Adelaide** is the fifth largest city in Australia. The capital of **South Australia** is a modern city with many gardens and parks. But it's also a prosperous industrial city. Almost half of



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all cars produced in Australia are made there and the electronics industry produces electronic systems exported to the whole world.

- Darwin** is the capital city of the **Northern Territory**. It's a harbour which is called the "gateway to Asia" and it's often visited by many tourists. Besides the others they can visit here the **Crocodylus Park** with the largest crocodiles in the world. It has the monsoon climate with dry and wet seasons.
- Alice Springs** is the geographical center of Australia. It's the only important town in Australia named after a woman – Lady Alice Todd. It lies in a desert and the difference between summer and winter temperatures is high.
- Hobart** is the capital of **Tasmania** and the Australian second oldest city with many old buildings from the 19th century. It's the financial and administrative center of Tasmania, an important sea port and the major producer of tinned food. It's also a home port for Antarctic Australian and French expeditions. Many tourists come here to explore this city and the rest of Tasmania.
- Perth** is the capital of **Western Australia**. It's the fourth mostly populous city with 1,830,000 people. It's also known as one of the most isolated cities in the world. There's a large Indian community, because it's closer to India than to Sydney.

Places of interest:

- Ayers Rock (Uluru)** is the world's second largest free standing monolith in the world. It is situated 335 km south- west of Alice Springs and it's a sacred site for the Aborigines. It's 348 m high and depending on the time of the day it changes colours (grey, yellow, red, orange). Uluru is listed as the World Heritage Site. The area around it known as the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is full of wildlife, but also caves and rock paintings.
- Tasmania** is an island which is 240 km south of Australia. There are a lot of reserves, national parks and World Heritage Sites. One of the main attractions is Port Arthur built in 1830 where convicts were held. The capital city is Hobart.
- Kakadu National Park** lies in the Northern territory. There's a rich wildlife (e.g. salt water crocodiles) and a lot of cultural sites of the Aborigines (e.g. rock paintings at Ubirr). It's listed in the World UNESCO heritage List.



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Task 4: Match the places to the items:

Kakadu National Park	Opera House
Perth	Crocodylus Park
Canberra	Garden City
Sydney	General Motors
Ayers Rock	The houses of the 19 th cent.
Brisbane	Centre of Australia
Adelaide	The most isolated city
Tasmania	Huge sand rock monolith
Melbourne	Capital city
Alice Springs	Rock paintings
Darwin	The prison Port Arthur
Hobart	Soleil