Australia’s Geography
Station 1
Australia

- Australia is the world’s smallest and flattest continent.
- It’s surrounded by the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- Australia also includes Tasmania, an island south of the mainland.
- Locate and label Australia on the world map.
Australia’s Climate

- Huge desert plains stretch across the country’s middle.
  - Central (middle) Australia’s climate is hot and dry.

- There are milder climates along the southeastern and southwestern coasts.
  - Most Australians live in the southeastern coastal region.

- Circle central Australia on your map.
- Shade in the SE & SW coasts on your map.
Station 3
It’s off the northeast coast of Australia, part of the Pacific Ocean.

Coral Sea islands are scattered over thousands of miles of ocean. No one lives on the islands except for a small group of weather specialists.

Label the Coral Sea on your map & Color The Coral Sea pink.
Station 4
This is the world’s largest coral reef. It’s over 1,200 miles long!

It lies off the northeast coast, in the Coral Sea.

Label the Great Barrier Reef on your map & Color the Great Barrier Reef brown.
Station 5
Uluru

• A huge, reddish rock in the center of Australia.
• It’s located very close to the geographic center of the continent.
• It’s a single, large rock sticking out of the earth.
• Aborigines call it “Uluru”, which is its official name.
• It’s nearly 12 stories high and almost 6 miles wide!
• Draw Uluru on your map & color Uluru red.
Great Victoria Desert

- The desert stretches through the states of South Australia and Western Australia.
  - It’s 160,000 miles long, and is a protected wilderness area.
- Very few Australians live here because it’s too hot and dry.
- It receives only 8 to 10 inches of rain each year, and it never snows!
- Draw and label the Great Victoria Desert & Color it yellow!