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Reading sheet one



Do you know where this famous landmark is? Do you know in which country you might find it?

This rock is very famous and very important in Australia. It is called Uluru. Uluru is an Aboriginal name meaning 'the rock'. Uluru has sat in the middle of Australia for many thousands of years. This massive dominating rock is in the Northern Territory.

To the Aboriginal people of that area it's very special and important.

The Aboriginal people believe there is a hollow beneath the rock which stores energy and that is where the Dreaming stories begin. To the Aboriginal people the Dreaming is how the world was created.

It is a very special place that is classed as one of the wonders of the world.

Uluru is a very famous landmark in Australia and people come from all over the world to see and take photos' of it.

Some people like to climb the rock and have photos' taken when they are at the top, However, Uluru is a sacred place to the Aboriginal people and they would prefer it if people did not climb it. Tourists also like to take pictures of the rock at sunset. The rock changes to many different colours as the sun is setting. It is a beautiful sight to sit and watch as the colours gradually change from red to purple, grey and finally black.

There are tours around the rock. The Aboriginal people who live near the rock take people around it, to look at drawings in the hollows and caves. They also tell people some of the Dreaming stories about how the hollows and caves were created.

These drawings are thousands and thousands of years old and tell the story of the Aboriginal people from around that area. These places are very sacred and people are asked to be very quiet and to respect the importance of these drawings.

Uluru is a wonderful example of natural beauty in Australia.

The information about Uluru is fascinating and there was a real feeling of mystery as I walked around it. This monument to times long past is one of the most amazing places to see anywhere in Australia.

Put Uluru onto the map.

Draw the rock where you think it belongs.



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Comprehension sheet one

Answer these questions in sentences. eg. This rock is in the centre of Australia.
Remember capital letters and full stops.

1. Where is this rock?

2. What is this rock called?

3. Uluru is special to some people. Who?

4. Why is this rock special?

5. How old is Uluru?

6. Why do you think the Aboriginal people do not like people climbing Uluru?

Extension: Draw a map of Australia.

Mark the Northern Territory.

Mark where you live

Mark in Uluru

(You might like to keep this map to mark in other places around Australia)

Activity sheet one



Write three important facts about Uluru.

(A fact is information)

Contractions are used to shorten two words into one. In this information sheet there is one contraction.
(Example of contractions he is becomes he's, I am becomes I'm)

See if you can find and write the contraction that is in the writing about Uluru.

Now circle the correct contractions.

1. People think **I'll**
I'm wrong to want to climb Uluru.
2. She **don't**
doesn't want to climb Uluru.
3. He **don't**
won't walk around the base of Uluru.
4. **I'd**
It's like to take a picture of Uluru at sunset.