

## Geography Alive: Stage 1 Geography (Topic 2; Unit 1)

Lesson 1: States, capitals, cities, regions of Australia		
<b>Content focus:</b> This lesson focuses on the names and locations of important places in Australia. It develops skills of using maps, knowledge of locations, and understandings of our connections with places in Australia.		<b>Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maps of Australia showing cities, states and regions</li><li>• <a href="#">Worksheet 1: Blank map of Australia with state borders marked on them</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Resource Sheet 1: Cards with the names of well-known places and regions in Australia</a></li></ul>
<b>Key inquiry questions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where are places located in Australia?</li></ul>	<b>Outcomes:</b> <p><i>A student:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• locates all Australian states and their capital cities on a blank map</li><li>• identifies the name and location of other major cities, and some of the key regions of Australia.</li></ul>	<b>Lesson sequence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Step 1:</b> Investigate prior knowledge by giving students blank maps of Australia with only state borders marked, (<b>Worksheet 1</b>) and asking them to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Write names of states and territories, capital cities and other places</li><li>b. Work out some quiz questions which they could ask other students about places and locations.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Step 2:</b> Provide students, working in groups, with a set of labels/cards (<b>Resource Sheet 1</b>). One set has state/territory capitals on each card. Another set has the names of the states. Another set has the names of well-known places and regions in Australia. Ask the students to sort the cards into a pile for each state, including in each pile the name of one state, the name of its capital city and the names of any other cities, places or regions in that state.</li></ul>