

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

Lesson 2: Australia's location in the world		
<p><b>Content focus:</b></p> <p>This lesson focuses on the ways of describing Australia's location in the world. It develops knowledge of the location of places, skills of using descriptive terms, and skills of using maps.</p>		<p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Globe of the World</li> <li>Maps of the world</li> <li><a href="#">Worksheet 1: An outline map of Australia and its neighbouring countries</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Key inquiry questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In which part of the world is Australia located?</li> <li>Which places are close to Australia and which are far away in distance?</li> <li>How can we accurately describe location of places using a map?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <p><i>A student:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>locates Australia and some near neighbours on a map</li> <li>uses terms such as north and south, near and far, neighbouring countries, equator, continents, hemisphere.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lesson sequence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Step 1:</b> A globe of the world (or better still – multiple globes) is used for students to find Australia. They can then be asked to locate Asia, the Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and the Equator, using the words on the globe or on maps.</li> <li><b>Step 2:</b> Students are asked to imagine they are flying towards the Earth from another planet. If they wanted to land in Australia how would they describe its location? Encourage the use of terms such as north, south, equator, ocean, continent.</li> <li><b>Step 3:</b> On <b>Worksheet 1</b>, students name the countries close to Australia, and the names of the three oceans surrounding Australia (Pacific, Indian and Southern Oceans).</li> <li><b>Step 4:</b> Using a map of the world or a globe, students can suggest places which are the furthest away from Australia. An extension activity could involve using pieces of string to stretch across the surface of a globe of the world to show distance.</li> </ul>