

Geography Alive: Stage 1 Geography (Unit 3)

Lesson 5: National places and me		
<p>Content focus:</p> <p>In this lesson students will investigate places within Australia. They do so, using Google Maps and the internet. A picture book (Are We There Yet) is used as a stimulus.</p>		<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture book: <i>Are we there yet?</i> by Alison Lester. • IWB and access to the internet
<p>Key inquiry questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are places located in Australia? • How are people connected to places? • What factors affect people's connection to places? 	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p><i>A student:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locates places on a map using technology • describes features of places and the connections people have with places • communicates geographical information and uses geographical tools for inquiry. 	<p>Lesson sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1: With teacher guidance, students use Google Maps to see where their home is, where their local area is, and then zoom out to see their national place (Australia). • Step 2: As a class, students label their city, state and country on a map. Ask students to share any places that they have visited within Australia (for example, the Great Barrier Reef). Mark these on the map and show a photograph of any places mentioned by using an IWB and the internet. • Step 3: Read the picture book 'Are we there yet?' by Alison Lester. • Step 4: List the places within Australia that Grace's family visited in the story. Students use the internet to find images of those places and create a class collage of national places.

