



Geography

City And Remote Living



For Middle Primary



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Activity

Where Australians Live

- ❑ Read the information, then complete the tasks.

Australia is a big continent and is diverse. Australians live in many different kinds of places. Some people live in suburbs by the beach or on farms along slow-winding rivers. Other Australians live in deserts and build their houses under the ground to keep cool. Some people just love the snow and live in quiet mountain ranges, while others prefer the buzz of the big city.



1. On the mindmap below, jot down the different types of places where Australians live.

1			2
3			4
5			6

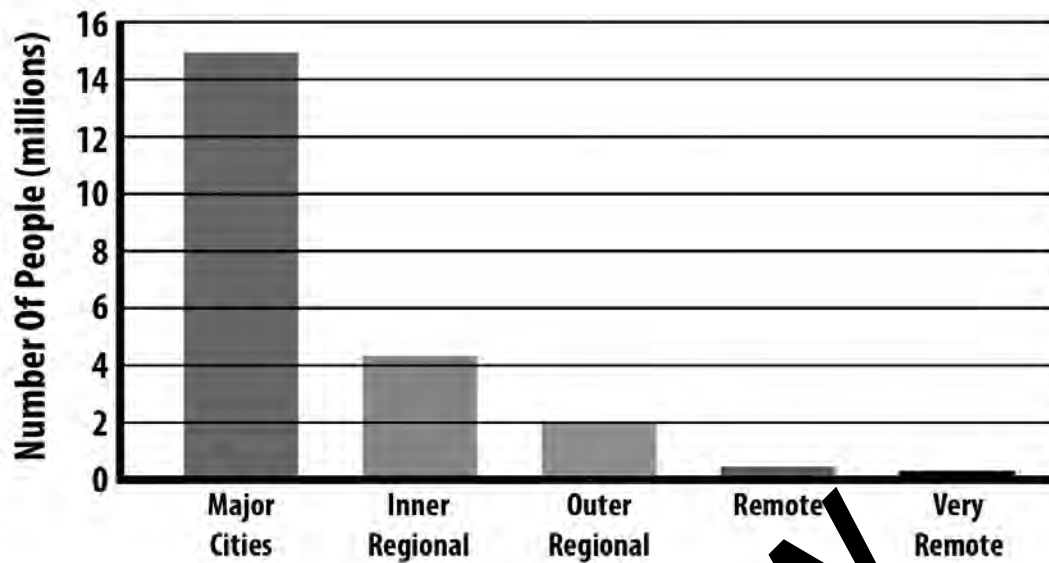
2. Draw and label the type of place in which you live; and the type of place in which you would like to live.

My Place

My Ideal Dwelling

Activity**Popular Places To Live**

The graph below shows where people live in Australia in 2018.



Answer the questions based on the information presented in the graph.

Question	Answer
How many people live in major cities?	
How many people live in regional places around Australia?	
Where is the most popular place to live?	
Where is the least popular place to live?	
Estimate how many people live in remote areas. Is it more or less than one million people? How can you tell from the graph?	
Give an example of a major city in Australia.	
Give an example of a remote place in Australia.	
How many more people live in major cities than regional places?	
How many more people live in major cities than remote places?	

Most people in Australia live on the coast in big cities. In fact, approximately fourteen million people live in just five big cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

Read about city living, then complete the task.

Cities are called urban centres. In urban centres there are:

- people living closely together in units, townhouses and houses
- large modern and historical buildings
- schools, universities and hospitals
- hotels, restaurants and shopping centres
- transport systems for cars, buses, trains and planes
- churches, museums, art galleries, entertainment and sport facilities

1. Pair up! Jot down your thoughts about the pros and cons of city living. Use the information above to help you.

Pros	Cons

2. Survey 10 of your classmates! If they had the choice would they live in the city?

Name	City living? Yes or No?

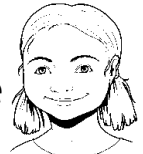
Name	City living? Yes or No?

Activity

Isolated Places

Read the information, then complete the tasks.

Some people in Australia choose to live far away from the city, in remote places. A place that is remote is usually some distance away from major services, and you might have to travel far to mail a letter, consult a doctor or buy some new clothes. Only one in forty people live in remote and very remote places! Almost 50% of people living in remote places are indigenous.

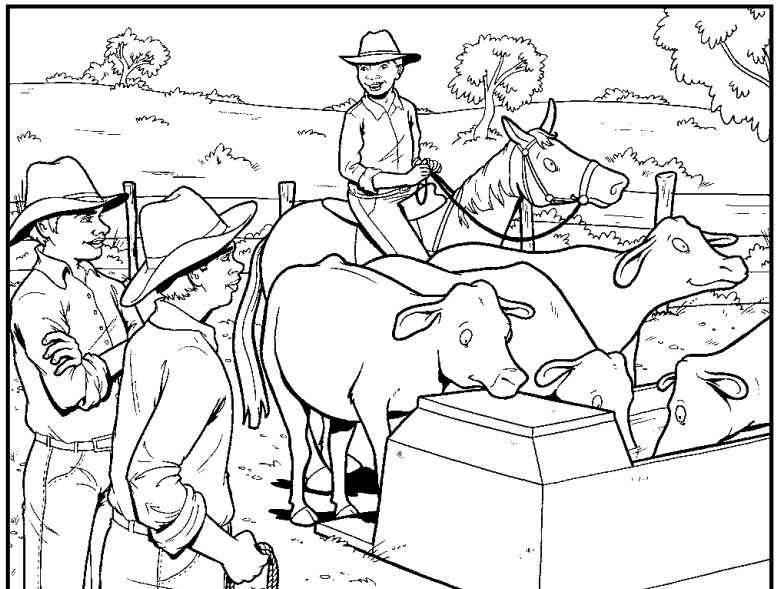


1. In your own words, define a remote location.

2. Give six facts about remote locations in Australia.

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.

3. Look at the picture. How do you think these men earn a living in remote Australia?



Read the information, then complete the task.

Some children who live in remote areas do not live close to a school. This means that they need to do their lessons online. Using Skype, children who do online learning often see and speak directly to their teacher. Sometimes, School Of The Air will organise special excursions, so that children who learn this way can meet up and get to know one another.



1. Think about how doing your lessons online would be different. Think about the advantages and disadvantages of online learning. Complete the pros and cons chart and share your ideas with the class.

Pros	Cons

2. Survey 7 of your classmates! If they had the choice would they like to do their lessons online?

Name	Online lessons? Yes or No?	Main reason

Answers

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1. cities, farms, deserts, mountain ranges, by the beach, near lakes.

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Question	Answer
How many people live in major cities?	Approximately 15 million.
How many people live in regional places around Australia?	Just over 6 million.
Where is the most popular place to live?	Major cities.
Where is the least popular place to live?	Very remote areas.
Estimate how many people live in remote areas. Is it more or less than one million people? How can you tell from the graph?	Less than one million – maybe 700,000 people. You can tell from the graph because when placing the remote and very remote bars together they do not quite reach half way up the first bar.
Give an example of a major city in Australia.	Brisbane; Perth; Adelaide; Sydney; Melbourne, etc.
Give an example of a remote place in Australia.	Answers will vary. Examples: Marble Bar; Tom Price; Yulara; Kakadu; Murrumbidgee, etc.
How many more people live in major cities than regional places?	Approximately 9 million.
How many more people live in major cities than remote places?	Approximately just over 14 million.

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1. Students might consider: population; crowding; pollution; facilities; work opportunities; health; education, etc.

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1. Answers will vary. A remote location means that you have to drive a considerable distance to access basic services.
 2. Possible answers: They are located far away from major cities; 50% of people living in remote locations are indigenous; they can be categorised according to how remote they are (remote, very remote, etc.); children in remote locations often learn by School of the Air; in emergencies they might call the flying doctor; they might grow their own vegetables because food stores are far away.
- Possibly musterers/stockmen on cattle station.

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1. Possible answers