Australia

Australia is one of the world's seven continents.

It's a very big island, nearly as big as Europe. The population of Australia is only about 15 million, but the population of Europe is 695 million.

The centre of Australia is a big desert with very few people. Australia is a flat land with not very high mountains. There are just a few mountains in the east.

The English explorer Captain James Cook landed in Australia in 1770. The original inhabitants of Australia were Aborigines. At first Britain sent prisoners (criminals) to live in Australia. In 1851 gold was discovered and other people decided to go to Australia.

Now Australia is one of the world's richest lands. It also has some famous animals, eg. kangaroos and koalas.

Australia has 6 different States and the federal capital is Canberra.

QUESTIONS

- 1. a) Australia is composed of 7 islands.
 - b) Australia is composed of 6 islands.
 - c) Australia is an island.
- 2. a) Australia is bigger than Europe.
 - b) Australia is smaller than Europe.
 - c) Australia is the same size as Europe.
- 3. a) There is a big forest in the centre.
 - b) There is a big desert in the centre.
 - c) There are big mountains in the centre.
- 4. a) Captain Cook discovered Australia.
 - b) Captain Cook was Australian.
 - c) Captain Cook was an Arborigine.
- 5. a) The first inhabitants were prisoners.
 - b) The first inhabitants discovered gold.
 - c) The first inhabitants were Aborigines.

