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# DISCOVER AUSTRALIA

**Directions:** Many Australians celebrate Australia Day on January 26. On that day in 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip established the first European settlement in what is now the city of Sydney, Australia. Explore the site provided to learn about Australia today. (Be sure to click on *Click here for statistics on Australia* for some important information about Australia.) Then read each statement below. Write **T** on the line next to each statement that tells something true about Australia, and write **F** next to each statement that tells something that is false.

## Web Resources:

Australia

<http://www.ozramp.net.au/~senani/austral.htm>



- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Australia is larger in size than the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Australia is called "The Land Down Under" because it is located in the Southern Hemisphere, south of the equator.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Most people in Australia live in the outback.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The capital of Australia is Canberra.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The seven-pointed star on the Australian flag represents the states and territories of Australia.

**Something to Think About:** Most Indigenous Australians, whose ancestors lived in Australia before the European settlers arrived, do not celebrate Australia Day. How do you think Indigenous Australians feel about the European settlement of Australia?

**Learn More:** To learn more about Australia, explore Australia for Kids at <http://www2.lhric.org/pocantico/australia/australia.htm>. Then click Fun Things to Do to choose and complete an activity.