

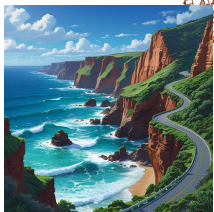
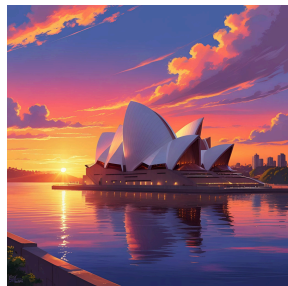
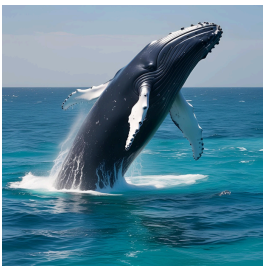
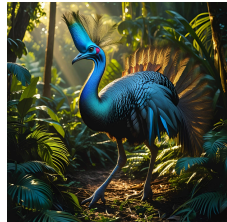
THE INTREPID EXPLORERS IN AUSTRALIA - CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Archie and his friends, the Intrepid Explorers, are packing their backpacks and getting ready for an epic journey across Australia!

They're going to explore the wild Outback, meet some Aussie animals, try new foods, and learn about the people and places that make Australia so special.

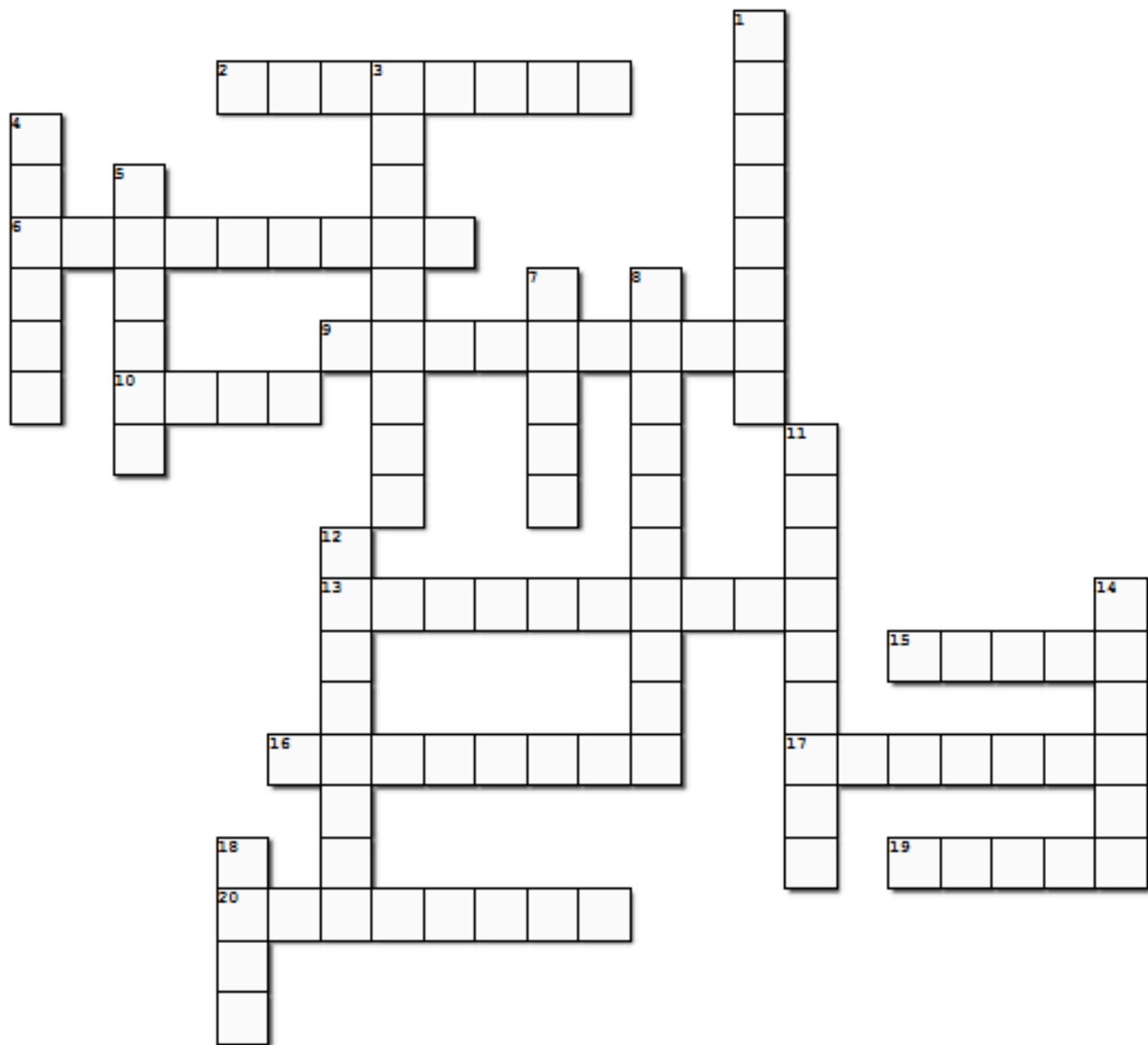
Before they set off, help them get prepared by learning about what they might see along the way by completing this crossword puzzle. All the words in this crossword are things the explorers will discover on their adventure, from kangaroos to Uluru and everything in between!



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Name: _____

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

2. Australia's capital city. It's where the government meets and important national buildings are found. Unlike other capitals.
6. Aboriginal stories that explain how the land, animals, and people were created. These stories are full of magic and are passed down from generation to generation.
9. A strong reptile that lives in rivers and swamps in northern Australia. They are excellent swimmers and snap their jaws shut.
10. A big group of coral underwater. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is the world's largest and is home to thousands of sea creatures.
13. The first people of Australia. Their cultures are more than 65,000 years old, the oldest living cultures in the world! They have a deep connection to the land, animals, and each other.
15. A giant red rock in the middle of Australia. It's sacred to Aboriginal people and changes colour during sunrise and sunset.
16. Australia's most famous animal. They hop on strong back legs and carry their babies (joeys) in a pouch.
17. The huge, mostly empty areas of Australia, far from cities. It's full of deserts, animals, and wide open skies.
19. A fluffy, tree-dwelling animal that sleeps up to 20 hours a day. It only eats eucalyptus leaves and is mostly found on the east coast of Australia.
20. A unique animal with a duck-like bill, webbed feet, and fur. It lays eggs even though it's a mammal, and it lives near rivers.

Down

1. A lush rainforest in northern Queensland. At over 180 million years old, it's one of the oldest rainforests in the world, even older than the Amazon!
3. A curved wooden tool originally used for hunting. Some of these tools are designed to come back when thrown, and they're also used in traditional ceremonies.
4. The biggest city in Australia, famous for its beautiful harbour, the Opera House with its sail-like roof, and the giant Harbour.
5. A dry area with little rain and few plants. Australia has ten of them. The temperature can be very hot during the day and cold at night.
7. Tiny sea animals that build colourful reefs over many years. They come in all shapes and colours and are very delicate.
8. A long wooden instrument played by vibrating your lips. It makes a deep, droning sound and is traditionally used by Aboriginal people.
11. A pond or small lake that forms when a river changes its path. It's calm, full of wildlife, and often shown in Australian paintings and stories as a peaceful place where animals gather.
12. A cool, green island south of Australia's mainland. It's full of mountains, forests, and rare wildlife, including the famous Tasmanian devil!
14. A small, wallaby-like animal known for its happy face. It lives on islands like Rottnest and is often called "the world's happiest animal."
18. A shiny, colourful gemstone found mainly in Australia. It changes colour when the light hits it and is used in jewellery.

THE INTREPID EXPLORERS IN AUSTRALIA - SOLUTIONS

Across

2. Australia's capital city. It's where the government meets and important national buildings are found. Unlike other capitals. **CANBERRA**
6. Aboriginal stories that explain how the land, animals, and people were created. These stories are full of magic and are passed down from generation to generation. **DREAMTIME**
9. A strong reptile that lives in rivers and swamps in northern Australia. They are excellent swimmers and snap their jaws shut. **CROCODILE**
10. A big group of coral underwater. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is the world's largest and is home to thousands of sea creatures. **REEF**
13. The first people of Australia. Their cultures are more than 65,000 years old, the oldest living cultures in the world! They have a deep connection to the land, animals, and each other. **ABORIGINALS**
15. A giant red rock in the middle of Australia. It's sacred to Aboriginal people and changes colour during sunrise and sunset. **ULURU**
16. Australia's most famous animal. They hop on strong back legs and carry their babies (joeys) in a pouch. **KANGAROO**
17. The huge, mostly empty areas of Australia, far from cities. It's full of deserts, animals, and wide open skies. **OUTBACK**
19. A fluffy, tree-dwelling animal that sleeps up to 20 hours a day. It only eats eucalyptus leaves and is mostly found on the east coast of Australia. **KOALA**
20. A unique animal with a duck-like bill, webbed feet, and fur. It lays eggs even though it's a mammal, and it lives near rivers. **PLATYPUS**

Down

1. A lush rainforest in northern Queensland. At over 180 million years old, it's one of the oldest rainforests in the world, even older than the Amazon! **DAINTREE**
3. A curved wooden tool originally used for hunting. Some of these tools are designed to come back when thrown, and they're also used in traditional ceremonies. **BOOMERANG**
4. The biggest city in Australia, famous for its beautiful harbour, the Opera House with its sail-like roof, and the giant Harbour. **SYDNEY**
5. A dry area with little rain and few plants. Australia has ten of them. The temperature can be very hot during the day and cold at night. **DESERT**
7. Tiny sea animals that build colourful reefs over many years. They come in all shapes and colours and are very delicate. **CORAL**
8. A long wooden instrument played by vibrating your lips. It makes a deep, droning sound and is traditionally used by Aboriginal people. **DIDGERIDOO**
11. A pond or small lake that forms when a river changes its path. It's calm, full of wildlife, and often shown in Australian paintings and stories as a peaceful place where animals gather. **BILLABONG**
12. A cool, green island south of Australia's mainland. It's full of mountains, forests, and rare wildlife — including the famous Tasmanian devil! **TASMANIA**
14. A small, wallaby-like animal known for its happy face. It lives on islands like Rottnest and is often called "the world's happiest animal. **QUOKKA**
18. A shiny, colourful gemstone found mainly in Australia. It changes colour when the light hits it and is used in jewellery. **OPAL**

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