

Australia



Activity One – You're chance to win a competition to visit Australia.



You're ticket to
Australia

Get creative. Have fun. You never know, this may one day come true!

In order to enter this once in a lifetime competition, you need to think about five things that you would most like to do / places you would like to visit if you were lucky enough to win the prize.

Once you have thought of these five, you need to write a detailed explanation about why you would like to do these things / go to these places, giving as much detail as possible. Each idea should be written in its own short paragraph. (The ideas as to why do not have to be factual, you can make them up to make them impressive and persuasive.)

Remember, you are trying to persuade the judge to choose you for this once in a lifetime opportunity so make sure you express your ideas clearly and show how passionate you are.

I have included an example below.

Great Barrier Reef

Hidden off the tropical waters to the north of Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef has been a destination that I have always wanted to visit. From seeing images in a book at a very young age, my interest in coral reefs began. As soon as I was able, I took up the sport of scuba diving so that one day, if the opportunity arose, I would be able to go and visit The Great Barrier Reef for myself; seeing pictures is fine but I want to explore, be able to see the sights, hear the sounds and experience the feelings for myself. I cannot begin to imagine how breath-taking it will be to enter the Coral Sea for the very first time.

Activity Two – Who am I? poem

For this activity I would like you to write a poem about an animal that you would find in Australia. There are some examples of animals that you could choose from on the next slide.

The title for your poem is going to be 'Who Am I?'

I would like you to describe your animal through your poem so that when your audience reads it, they are able to identify your animal – try not to give your animal away too quickly.

Here is the start of an example. Which animal do you think is being described?

Who Am I?
Sitting and staring
Perched up in a tree
Hidden and camouflaged
Ready to swoop
Larger than many of my friends
Brown, white and blue
My call to my friends is a laugh

Extension: Try doing a poem for a different animal

Animals found in Australia



Koala



Wombats



Platypus



Dingo



Emu



Tasmanian devil



Kookaburra



Cassowaries



Macropods



Red kangaroo



Lyrebird



Little penguin



Galah



Blue-tongued skinks



Wedge-tailed eagle



Southern cassowary



Laughing kookaburra



Honeyeaters

Activity Three – Word Art

For this activity I would like you to create a ‘Word Art’ with as many different descriptive words as you can think of. You will firstly need to think about what shape your word art is going to take. You will then need to consider how many times each word is going to be repeated, are some words going to be bold to stand out more, which colours are you going to use.

You can do this by hand, cutting words out of newspapers / magazines or using a computer. There are many online tools which enable you to create Word Art, if you do make use of one of these, please ensure that you have written your list of descriptive words clearly first.

What can my word art be about? I would like you to take a place, item or animal which you associate with Australia. If you enjoy doing the task and have some spare time, you might even like to try having a go at more than one.

There are a range of different examples on the next page.

Activity Four

Have a go at one of the comprehension activities under the 'Reading' section this week.

Don't forget, * is the easiest level, *** is the most difficult.

Please do not forget to write your answers in full sentences.