**5.** **Work in pairs. Take turns to answer the questions.**
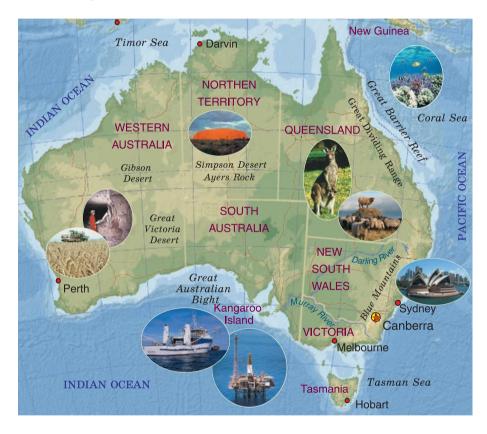
• Is your country flat or are there any rocks in Belarus? Do you know any countries that are flat? Do you know any countries where there are a lot of rocks?

• Why do people live mostly along the coast in Australia? Why don't they settle in the central part of the continent?

• Why do you think the Native Australians believe that Uluru is holy? What other holy places do you know?

• When did the first Europeans settle in Australia? Where and when did people first settle in your country? What parts of the country do they mostly live in?

• When can you see millions of stars in the sky? Why do you think you can see starry sky on the Australian flag? What other countries have got stars on their flags?

• Australia is a land of strange animals and millions of sheep. What kind of land is your country?

# LESSON 4.  Passport to Australia

**Communicative area:** listening to a museum guide talking about Australia

**Active vocabulary:** cattle, climate, divide, marine, mild, minerals, mining, production, state, territory, wheat, wool, oil

**1.** Do the puzzle: If you throw a piece of blue rock into the Red Sea, what will happen?

**2.** **a)** Study the map. Can you see the Red Sea on the map? What seas surround Australia? What big cities can you see on the map? What is Australian landscape like?



**b)** Listen to the museum guide speaking about Australia. Is this country a good place to live in?

**3.** **a)** Listen to the words from the box. Which of them are easy to understand? Why?

state, territory, climate, mild, divide, mining, production, wheat, wool, cattle, minerals, oil, marine (fishing)

**b)** **Guess the meaning of some other words from the dictionary examples below:**

1. **Cattle** are large farm animals kept for their milk or meat – cows and bulls.

> **cattle** (*n. plural*)  *The cattle are eating grass.*

2. In Europe people mostly eat **wheat** bread, which is light in colour.

3. **Wool** is hair which grows from the bodies of sheep and some other animals, or material made from this. Clothes made from wool are very warm and really good for winter wear.

cattle in Australia

4. **Mild** climate is never extreme – with cool winters and warm summers.

5. Belarus is famous for salt **mining**.

6. Whales and dolphins are **marine** animals.

7. Belarus **is divided** into six regions.

8. **Oil** is transported in tankers to America and Europe from such countries as Iran and Kuwait.

**4.** **a)** **Read the statements on Australia. Work in pairs and decide which <u>four</u> of them are false. Correct the false statements.**

1. There are two states and six territories in Australia.

2. Each state has its own government and its own capital city.

3. Canberra is the capital city of the country.

4. Mountains divide the hot dry lands in the south from the wet and green north of Australia.

5. Australia is famous for gold mining, wheat growing, sheep and cattle farming, production of oil, minerals, wool, meat and sugar and marine fishing.

6. The country is not popular with tourists, because the landscape is boring and there is no wildlife.

7. The climate of Australia is hot and wet in the South, hot and dry in the North and mild in the centre.

☺ **b) Listen to the soundtrack in ex. 2b again and check yourselves.**

**5.** **Fill in the passport to Australia. Use the information from lessons 1–3.**

Name: **Australia, Down Under**
Area:
Population:
Capital city:
Parts:
Climate:
Landscape:
Famous for:
History:
Other information: )

PASSPORT TO AUSTRALIA

Melbourne  Sidney  Canberra

**6.** **Work in pairs. Speak about Belarus. Use the questions below for help.**

• Is your country divided into territories and states?

• Where is the central government of your country?

• Is the climate of your country mild?

• How many languages do people of your country speak?

• What is your country famous for?

# LESSON 5.       Passport to Belarus

**Communicative area:** asking for and giving information; guessing intelligently

**Active vocabulary:** landlocked

**Grammar revision:** yes / no (general) questions

**1.** **Ask your partner: How long will it take you if you travel from … to … by …? Use the pictures for help.**