

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Heidi will be able to identify and describe various landscapes in Australia and their distinctive landform features, including deserts, mountains, and coastal areas. She will also develop her English language skills through writing and presenting her findings.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for note-taking
- Colored pencils or markers for drawing
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (if available)
- Printed maps of Australia (if available)
- Preparation: Familiarize yourself with the major landscapes of Australia, including the Outback, Great Barrier Reef, and the Australian Alps.

Activities

- **Research and Report:** Heidi will choose one Australian landscape to research. She will gather information about its unique features, climate, and any interesting facts. After her research, she will write a short report summarizing her findings.
- **Landscape Drawing:** After researching, Heidi will create a colorful drawing of the chosen landscape, highlighting its key landform features. She can include labels and a brief description of each feature in her drawing.
- **Presentation:** Heidi will present her research and drawing to a family member or friend. This will help her practice her speaking skills and explain what she learned about the landscape.
- **Creative Writing:** Heidi will write a short story or poem inspired by the landscape she researched. This can include characters, animals, or events that might occur in that environment.

Talking Points

- "Australia has a variety of landscapes, each with its own unique features. Can you name a few?"
- "The Outback is famous for its red deserts and vast open spaces. What do you think makes it special?"
- "The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world. Why do you think it's important for marine life?"
- "Mount Kosciuszko is the highest mountain in Australia. How do you think the climate changes as you go higher up a mountain?"
- "Coastal areas in Australia are known for their beautiful beaches. What activities do you think people enjoy there?"
- "Each landscape can affect the animals and plants that live there. Can you think of an animal that might live in the Outback?"
- "Australia's landscapes are shaped by natural processes like erosion and weathering. How do you think these processes work?"
- "Indigenous Australians have a deep connection to the land. Why do you think understanding their perspective is important?"

- "Climate change is affecting landscapes around the world. What changes do you think might happen to Australia's landscapes?"
- "Exploring different landscapes can inspire creativity. How can nature influence art and storytelling?"
- "What did you find most interesting about the landscape you researched? Why?"
- "How can we protect and preserve these unique landscapes for future generations?"
- "What is one thing you would like to learn more about regarding Australian landscapes?"