

Практическое занятие № 19

Тема: Название основных городов, достопримечательностей Австралии.

Цель: Совершенствование навыков чтения и перевода с целью извлечения информации по теме: Австралия

Содержание работы:

1. Перевести текст № 1. Прочитать текст №2 составить вопросы к нему.
2. Написать о любой достопримечательности Австралии (или подготовить небольшую презентацию)

№1. Australian Cities and Towns

The capital of Australia, Canberra, is a young and comparatively small city. It was founded in the 20th century and now has a population of about 260 000 people.

The centre of Canberra is a small hill. Several streets run from that hill. Special charm is given to Canberra by an artificial lake in the centre of the city. A fountain more than 100 metres high is in the western part of the lake. At night powerful lights illuminate the water. It is the Captain Cook Fountain, one of the main places of interest in Canberra. Another one is a memorial military museum. The building of the Australian Academy of Sciences is quite unusual in form — it is like a huge overturned bowl.

Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia. It was the capital of the country till 1927 and now is the centre of Australian business world. It is also one of the largest ports in the country. Melbourne is a beautiful city with numerous skyscrapers, straight boulevards and large parks and gardens. One of Melbourne's places of interest is the house of Captain Cook, the famous British navigator.

Sydney is Australia's largest and oldest city. It was the first British settlement. Sydney has the oldest in the country botanical gardens and the Zoo. One of the main places of interest of the city is the famous bridge over the Bay of Port Jackson. Another one is the Opera House, which resembles large white shells in form. It is surrounded by the sea on three sides. Sydney is the city of three universities.

№2. Places of Interest in Australia.

Australia is one of the biggest countries in the world. Besides, it's the only country, which is also a continent. For many other world countries Australia is a remote land to visit, nevertheless, millions of people gladly fly there to see its places of interest.

The capital of Australia is Canberra. It's not as large as Sydney or Melbourne, but it has an important political meaning for the country. All the governmental and parliamentary buildings are situated there. Canberra is also the home of many cultural institutions, such as Australian National University, National Gallery, National Museum, Royal Military College, Australian Institute of Sport and many others.

The largest and the most visited city in Australia is Sydney. With the population over 4.6 million people, the city hosts 2.7 million international tourists a year. There is a great number of attractions in Sydney. The most well-known ones are Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Royal Botanical Gardens, Luna Park, Australian Museum of Natural History and Anthropology, Museum of Contemporary Art and several others.

Another large city in Australia is Melbourne. The main sights of the city are the Federation Square, Fawkner Park, Queen Victoria Market, Royal Exhibition Building, Albert Park Lake and many other places.

Particularly interesting are the natural attractions of Australia. For example, the country has some species of animals, which can't be found anywhere else. Among them, koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, flightless emus, wombats and many others. So, the Australian Zoo, which is situated in a small town Beerwah, not far from Brisbane, can be another place of interest.

2.Прочитайте. Найдите информацию и напишите о любой достопримечательности Австралии на английском

Tourist attractions in Australia – Достопримечательности Австралии

The Great Barrier Reef



One of Australia's most remarkable natural gifts, the Great Barrier Reef is blessed with the breathtaking beauty of the world's largest coral reef.

Because of its natural beauty, the Great Barrier Reef has become one of the most popular tourist destinations.

The Sydney Opera House



The Sydney Opera House is one of the most famous buildings in the world.

It hosts symphony concerts, choir performances, stage plays and popular music shows.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge



The Sydney Harbour Bridge carries rail, vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic.

The dramatic view of the bridge, the harbour, and the nearby Sydney Opera House is an iconic image of Sydney, and Australia itself. Total length of the bridge is *1149 metres*.

The Great Ocean Road



The Great Ocean Road is absolutely one of the world's most beautiful drives.

You'll see a historic lighthouse, the Twelve Apostles and places where you can spot kangaroos, koalas and parrots.

The Queen Victoria Building



For the best shopping in Sydney visit the Queen Victoria Building, a beautiful landmark in the heart of Sydney.

It's rare to find a destination that fulfills the desires of shopaholics, architectural enthusiasts and history-buffs.

Wave Rock



Wave Rock is a natural rock formation that is shaped like a tall breaking ocean wave. The "wave" is about *15 m high* and around *110 m long*. Today it's a popular tourist destination.

Sydney Tower



Sydney Tower is **Sydney's tallest structure**. The tower is open to the public, and is one of the most prominent tourist attractions in the city.

The observation deck, currently called the *Sydney Tower Eye*, is located 250 m above the city streets.