

The Land Down Under

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113 Author's Purpose

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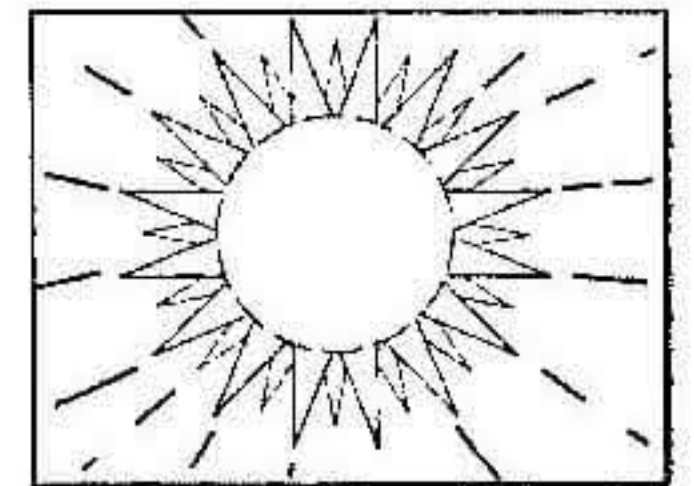
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Read the following paragraphs. Decide if the author's purpose is to entertain, inform, or persuade. Then put a plus (+) next to the answer.

1. Australia is the sixth-largest country in the world and the only one that is also a continent. It is nearly as big as the continental United States. However, it only has nineteen million people, about two-thirds of the population of California. Australians are proud of their country and welcome tourists and visitors to their country.

_____ entertain _____ inform _____ persuade

2. G'day, Mate! Next time you're planning a vacation, why not try Australia? It's not nearly as crowded as the United States, but it's just as big. There are beaches, cities, mountains, deserts, jungles, and grassy plains. Whatever you want we've got. No worries. Come to Australia and find out what's up in the "Land Down Under."



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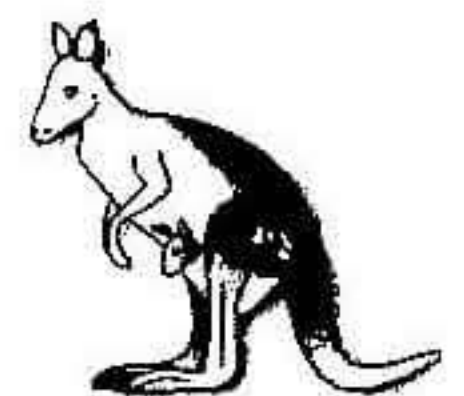
114 Compare and Contrast

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Read the following paragraph and answer the questions below.

Most of the animals in Australia are **marsupials**. Two of those marsupials are wallabies and koalas. Both carry their babies around in pouches. Both have gray fur and are about the same size. Wallabies are a type of kangaroo. They stand on their hind legs and have a long, muscular tail. They are grazers, eating a variety of grasses and leaves. Koalas are tree dwellers. They have no tail to speak of, and they have two thumbs. They seldom touch the ground, and then only to get from one tree to another. They eat eucalyptus leaves and are very particular, sometimes smelling a dozen leaves before finding one they like.



1. How are wallabies and koalas similar? _____

2. How are they different? _____

3. If you could have either a wallaby or a koala for a pet, which would you prefer? _____
Why? _____
