7. Australia and New Zealand(Geography – rivers and mountains, population, history, climate, national flag, agriculture, economy, others) and Fauna and flora

**Austria** :

Capital city of Australia is **Canberra**.

Geography – rivers and mountains

Geography :

Australia is a continent between the

Indian and the Southern Pacific Ocean. It

is the smallest continent in the world, but

the world's sixth largest country. Much of

the centre of Australia is flat, but there

are some mountains of which Uluru

(Ayers Rock) is the best known.

Australia's climate is quite different

from the rest of the world. It is the driest

inhabited continent on earth, and the

center of the country has one of the

lowest rainfall rates in the world. About

three−quarters of the country can be

described as arid or semi−arid.

Rivers :

Danube River – Longest river in the Austria and the second largest in Europe.

Rhine – Second longest river in the Austria.

Mountains :

The major mountains in Austria are Alps.

Population :

About 70 per cent of the population

lives in the country's large cities such as

Melbourne and Sydney. English is the common language, however more than

200 languages are spoken throughout

the country.

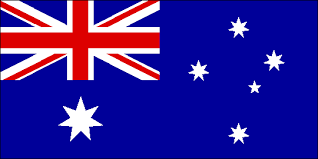
In Austria lives around 26 million inhabitants.

History :

The coast was explored by James Cook in 1770. The first people that came there were British prisoners. It was going to be a British prisoner colony. But in the middle of the 19 century there were found gold, so there come new people.

National flag :

Their flag is blue, it has six white stars (represent 6 states) and British flag in the left upper corner.



Fauna and Flora :

Some of the most famous animals include the kangaroo, koala and wombat. The world’s second largest bird, the emu, is native to Australia. The continent also has many reptiles such as crocodiles and snakes. 7 out of 10 of the most poisonous snakes in the world can be found in Australia.

**New Zealand**

**Wellington** capital city

Geography :

New Zealand consists of two large islands (north and South Island) in south-west Pacific Ocean. Nearest are Australia on west, Fiji, Tonga on north. Each of the two main islands is mainly hilly and mountainous.

Population :

The population is more than 5 million people. Density is much higher than in Australia. The most of people live in urban areas. People are mainly of European origin, the rest are Polynesian. Officially English is spoken here.

Climate :

Climate is quite pleasant. There is a lot of sun and it often rains there. Summers aren’t too hot and winters are mild.

Agriculture :

The most important agriculture products are sheep and cattle. The most important mining products are coal, oil, natural gas, iron ore and gold.

History :

New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman in 17th century.

Fauna and Flora :

The tarentula lives only in New Zealand. It looks like a lizard but is actually a separate type of reptile.

Kiwi – a flightless parrot, which is a symbol of NZ, it looks like fruit kiwi.

National flag :

New Zealand's flag, like the Australian one, has

a royal blue background with a flag of Great Britain, in the top-left

corner. But with the four five-pointed red stars on the right side of the flag.

