

Puzzle Map — Oceania

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child works with the puzzle map of Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands), learning about this unique region of island nations, the Great Barrier Reef, and the indigenous cultures of Australia and Polynesia.

What You Need:

- Montessori puzzle map of Oceania (or Australia/Pacific)
- Control map
- Globe
- Oceania fact cards (optional)
- Pictures of Australian and Polynesian landmarks

Steps:

1. Show Oceania on the globe: 'This region includes Australia, New Zealand, and thousands of islands in the Pacific Ocean!'
2. Present the puzzle map. Start with Australia: 'Australia is both a country AND a continent — the only one that is both!'
3. New Zealand: 'Two main islands, home of the Maori people.'
4. Papua New Guinea: 'A large island with hundreds of different languages!'
5. Point out island groups: Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Hawaii.
6. 'These islands were settled by incredible Polynesian navigators who crossed the ocean using the stars!'
7. Three-period lesson for 4-5 major areas.

Work Space:

