

50 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT AUSTRALIA

People Are Outnumbered by Animals

Discussion:

Australians are outnumbered by animals. There's a population of about 20 million people there, but close to 25 million kangaroos and 120 million sheep! In our entire world, there are about 25 chickens for every 1 person! (Source: *If the World Were a Village*)

Activity:

Pretend Sir Chicken Clucks-A-Lot or Roman General Chicken Caesar (or another chicken of your choice) has taken over the world! What would change in our society? How would he or she rule? Who would he or she put in charge? What role would chickens play? What role would humans play? What about other farm animals? Other animals in general? What might take place in a typical day?

Develop several characters, brainstorm ideas, and create a comic strip to tell their story!

Character's Name	Role in Society	Character Traits

Story Ideas:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Comic Strip:

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Protecting Our Planet

Discussion:

Australia is one of the most unique natural environments on the planet because of its rich biodiversity and wide variety of ecosystems. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef in the world and the largest ecosystem anywhere on Earth. We need to protect Australia and our whole planet!

Activity:

Sustainability... What on Earth Does it Mean?

Sustainability is all about our planet! We have everything from beautiful forests, mountains, and water, to animals of every shape and kind. We take advantage of these *raw materials* every day, but we need to be careful not to overuse them or they might run out!

A *raw material* is something straight from nature before it is made into something else. Here are some examples of *raw materials*:

- A tree before it becomes a piece of paper or a house
- A sheep's wool before it becomes a sweater
- A stream before it becomes drinking water
- A chicken before it becomes chicken nuggets

Sustainability is using only what you need so people in the future can have their share as well.

We need to find a balance where we know how to use what we have here on Earth to meet our needs without making it hard or impossible for the next generation of people to meet their needs.

1. What are the things we really need to live? _____
2. What *raw materials* that we need to live can you think of? _____

3. What are some things in your life that you have to take care of now so that they can be used again by someone else? _____

4. You are in charge of our world until you pass it on to the next generation. What are some changes you can make in your daily life to ensure you pass on our Earth in tip-top shape? _____

