

Geography Alive: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6): Topic 2: A Diverse and Connected World

Lesson 1: Asia: An Introduction		
<p>Content focus:</p> <p>In this lesson, students are introduced to the continent and countries of Asia. In doing so, students investigate the geography of the continent and reflect on the similarities and differences with their own lived experience. They will further develop their intercultural understanding.</p>		<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Resource Sheet 1: Australia and its Asian Neighbours • PowerPoint 1: Asia: An Introduction • Worksheet 1: Investigating an Asian country
<p>Key inquiry questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Asia and where is it located relative to Australia? • What are the key features of Asia's geography? 	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p><i>A student:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describes the location and spatial extent of Asia • identifies and describe some of its key geographical features of the continent • acquires and communicates geographical information using geographical tools for inquiry. 	<p>Lesson sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1: With the aid of Student Resource Sheet 1 and PowerPoint 1 introduce student to the continent of Asia. Highlight its location relative to Australia, its size, and its boundaries. Also point out the diversity of its climate and landscape, and the continent's cultural diversity. • Step 2: Ask if any students were born in Asia or had parents that had been born there. Asks students if any of them have been to an Asian country. Plot all the locations mentioned on a map of Asia. Ask students to describe their experiences. • Step 3: Research task: Using Worksheet 1 and the internet or library resources ask students to investigate one of the countries shown on the map of Asia that is of interest to them. • Step 4: Advise students that they need to prepare a short oral report outlining the results of the research they have undertaken.