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fare-dodger



Stop: AUSTRALIA

1.

Uluru

"Uluru – the red centre of Australia – is an enormous sandstone monolith in the middle of the Australian outback. This precious rock formation changes colour, from orange to a splendid crimson, with the changing sunlight in the course of the day. Aboriginal Australians consider Uluru to be sacred; in their opinion, it attracts rain and is home to spirits."

2.

Wire-mesh fence

"What's that wire-mesh fence doing here, and where does it end?" "We certainly won't see the end of it – it stretches all the way across Australia. It's the longest wire-mesh fence in the world! Originally intended to prevent the spread of rabbit diseases to livestock."

As you throw the magic boomerang, think of the one you wish to catch ...

10.

Sheep

"Not only do the Australians have huge farms, they have loads of sheep. Even more than they have people. The very first sheep were brought to Australia at the end of the 18th century. Just imagine, Julie! In 1781, to be precise. As well as sheep, Australia has lots of rabbits and kangaroos."

9.

Anna Creek Station

"Sheep farming is widespread in Australia, and farms here are incredibly large. The best-known of them, the Anna Creek Station, is larger than the entire state of Israel." "Goodness me, Wendel! That's amazing! How does the farmer get around it all in one day?" "Easily. He uses a truck or a helicopter. Look, there's one up in the sky right now!"

8.

Flying doctors

"Look, Wendel – another flying farmer!" "That's a doctor, not a farmer. Farmers living in remote areas need the care of a doctor, too. (In Australia, it's not uncommon for next-door neighbours to live 200 kilometres apart.) The big difference is, when they call a doctor, he arrives in a helicopter, not an ambulance." "Do you know what, Wendel? I've got a bit of a tummy ache. Shall we call a doctor?"

7.

Sydney: Opera House

"Australia's largest city is called Sydney. What the Eiffel Tower is to Paris, the Opera House is to Sydney." "I can't see an opera house." "Yes, you can. It's over there." "I thought that was some kind of ship." "Well, the building is supposed to remind us of a yacht sailing into port. But this yacht has five stages inside – two for opera and three for drama."

6.

Snowy Mountains

"You'll have a great time skiing here, Julie. In winter, more snow falls here than in the Swiss Alps. Australia's 'Snowies' stretch for 500 kilometres. Wait, don't go down yet ... They used to mine gold here, you know." "Wendel, I'm on my wa-a-a-y!!!"

3.

Australian railways

"It's time we got back to the train, Julie. Did you know that the Australian railway goes right across the country, connecting the east coast with the west? The line is 4352 kilometres long, and it takes 65 hours to travel the whole distance – that's two days and 17 hours."

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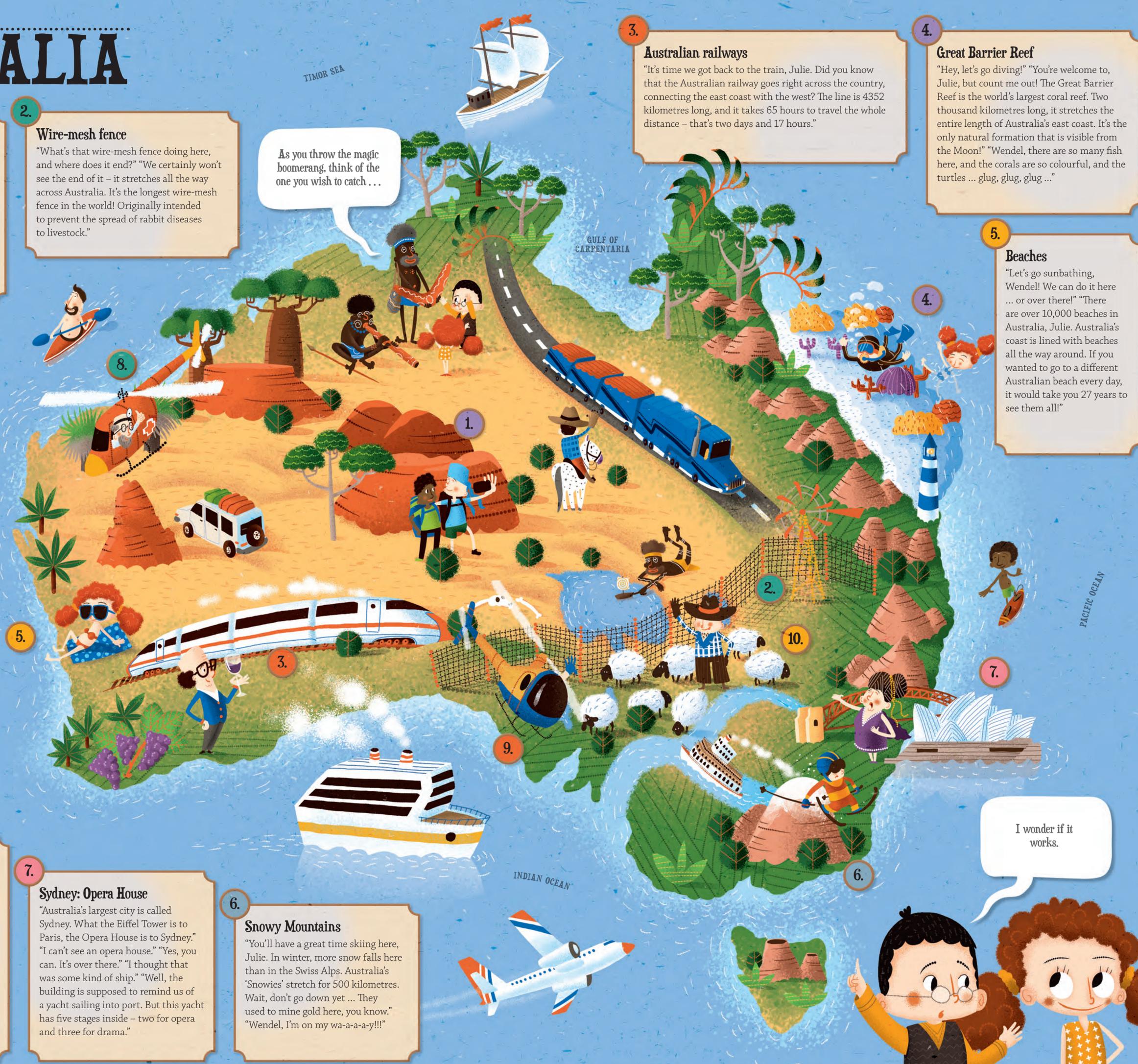
Great Barrier Reef

"Hey, let's go diving!" "You're welcome to, Julie, but count me out! The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef. Two thousand kilometres long, it stretches the entire length of Australia's east coast. It's the only natural formation that is visible from the Moon!" "Wendel, there are so many fish here, and the corals are so colourful, and the turtles ... glug, glug, glug ..."

5.

Beaches

"Let's go sunbathing, Wendel! We can do it here ... or over there!" "There are over 10,000 beaches in Australia, Julie. Australia's coast is lined with beaches all the way around. If you wanted to go to a different Australian beach every day, it would take you 27 years to see them all!"



I wonder if it works.





“We’re at the midway point of our journey!” called the conductor, as he went from one coach to the next. “Now we will take a long break! You should stretch your limbs, and maybe get some exercise.” All the other passengers obediently raised their arms above their heads, flexed their knee joints, stretched their necks, and the more diligent ones jumped up and down. But Julie and Wendel continued to dart about among them, their eyes out on stalks.

“Five more minutes, then we’ll be off again,” the conductor notified the passengers. As the newcomers settled in their seats, the others took out their snacks and tucked in. “I’m hungry,” whined Wendel, thinking of the tuna sandwich in Gran’s bag. He longed to go back for it, but he’d never admit as much to Julie. The conductor blew his whistle. Then the train rocked gently before heaving a sigh and heading off to another corner of the world.



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Imagine boarding a train and learning that there's a fare-dodger among your fellow passengers. It's surely much more fun to search for the troublemaker than to sit there getting bored! This is precisely what Julie and Wendel do. Journeys can seem endless, especially ones that take you all around the world. Fancy having a real traveller's global adventure, and becoming something of a detective at the same time? Then what are you waiting for? Our special train is about to depart, so hop aboard! Don't forget to pack a sizeable snack and a heavy dose of courage – and a valid ticket, of course!



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