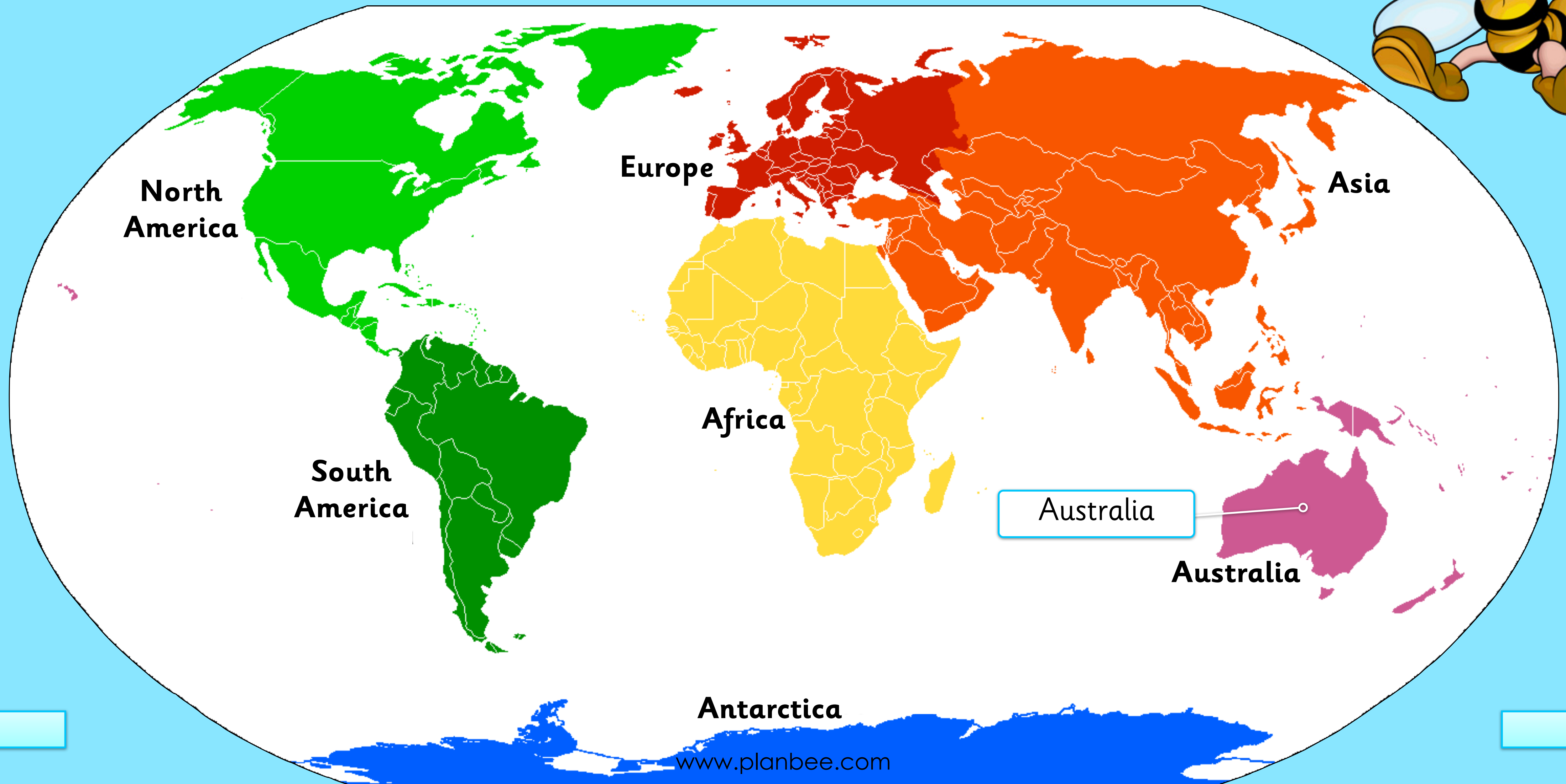


Today I am going to visit AUSTRALIA. Australia is the name of a country and a continent.



Before I went to Australia, I had to change my money to Australian dollars.



This is the Australian flag. Part of the flag is the Union Jack of Great Britain. This symbolises the people from Britain who settled in Australia.



Australia celebrate National Flag Day on 3rd September every year to celebrate the first time the flag was flown.

The people who lived in Australia before British people came to live there are known as Aboriginals. Lots of Aboriginal people still live in Australia today.



I saw an aboriginal man playing a didgeridoo. This is a musical instrument that you blow down. Some people think didgeridoos are the oldest instruments in the world.



Australia is a very big country. A lot of the country is covered in a desert known as the outback.

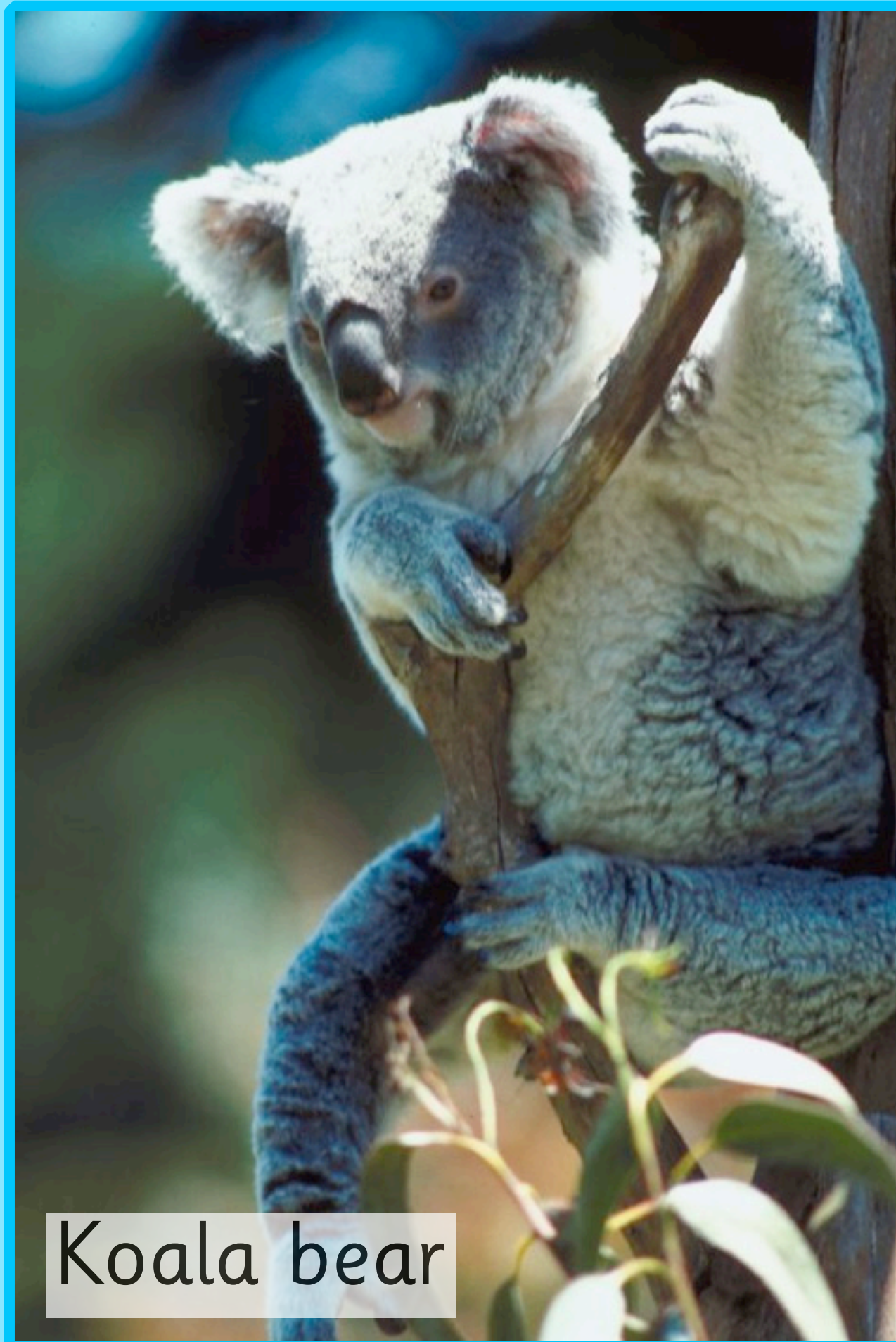


I visited Ayers Rock. This is a sacred place for the Aboriginal people who live in the area.



One of the most famous sights in Australia is Sydney Opera House. More than 7 million people visit it every year. The bridge behind it is called Harbour Bridge.

I saw lots of interesting animals in Australia,
like kangaroos and koala bears.



Koala bear



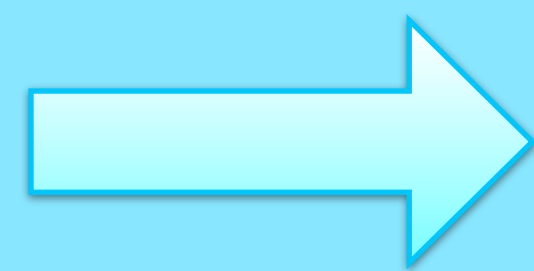
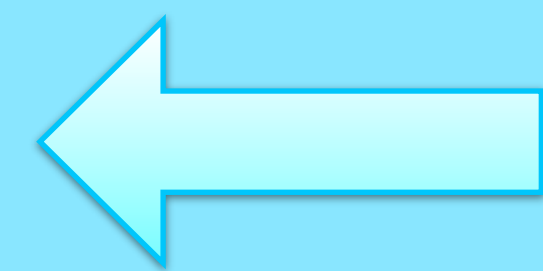
Kangaroo

Buddy took a trip to Bondi Beach. Bondi is one of the most famous beaches in the world. Lots of people like going to Australia for beach holidays because of the warm weather.





I had fun playing with boomerangs because when you throw them they fly back to you. Boomerangs were first used by Aboriginal Australians to hunt with.





I really enjoyed my visit to Australia. Do you think you would like to visit Australia too?