

**Chapter 26 Australia & New Zealand Guided Reading Activity - Lesson 1** *Physical Geography*

**The Land of Australia and New Zealand**

*Directions: Use your textbook to identify the landforms and bodies of water in Australia and New Zealand.*

01. \_\_\_\_\_ the rocky, dry region that makes up the western half of Australia
02. \_\_\_\_\_ the rough, dry, desert region of Australia commonly called the Outback
03. \_\_\_\_\_ the mountainous region known as the Great Dividing Range that runs parallel to Australia's east coast
04. \_\_\_\_\_ an enormous living coral reef just off Australia's northeastern shore
05. \_\_\_\_\_ the unique island covered with mountains, valleys, and plateaus off Australia's southeastern coast
06. \_\_\_\_\_ an important system made up of many rivers that bring water from the eastern mountains through a dry basin in southeastern Australia
07. \_\_\_\_\_ the New Zealand Island whose center is a huge volcanic plateau
08. \_\_\_\_\_ the largest lake in New Zealand, which was formed millions of years ago in the crater formed after a volcanic eruption
09. \_\_\_\_\_ an area in New Zealand famous for its hot springs, mud pools, & geysers
10. \_\_\_\_\_ the New Zealand Island that contains the Southern Alps

**Climates of the Region**

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with information about the climate in Australia and New Zealand.*

11. Because Australia and New Zealand are in the Southern Hemisphere, their \_\_\_\_\_ are at opposite times of the year from the United States.
12. The northern third of Australia is in a \_\_\_\_\_ climate zone, and some other parts of Australia are in a \_\_\_\_\_ climate zone.
13. The Outback of Australia has a \_\_\_\_\_ climate with hot, dry weather during much of the year.
14. Australia is the \_\_\_\_\_ inhabited continent in the world and long periods with no rain often result in \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Climates in New Zealand range from \_\_\_\_\_ in the south to \_\_\_\_\_ in the north.

**Plant and Animal Life**

*Directions: Use your textbook to complete the lists of plants and animals found in Australia and New Zealand.*

**Animals in Australia:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Plants in Australia:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Plants in New Zealand:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Animals in New Zealand:** \_\_\_\_\_