

CHAPTER 31

**Guided Reading Strategies 31.1
Australia and New Zealand**

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine the riddles below. Solve each riddle by writing the correct word or words in the space provided.

- _____ **1.** “I am the world’s smallest, flattest, and second-driest continent. In addition, I am the only continent that is also a country. What am I?”
- _____ **2.** “As a landform region, I divide Australia’s rivers into those that flow eastward and those that flow westward. What am I?”
- _____ **3.** “I cover about two thirds of Australia. If you want to see Australia’s oldest rocks, come to me. I also have deserts. What am I?”
- _____ **4.** “I am the dry interior of Australia. Aussies, the people of Australia, have a special term for me. Do you know what it is?”
- _____ **5.** “I can be found growing all over Australia. As a matter of fact, there are about 500 different kinds of me. What am I?”
- _____ **6.** “We were the first people to live in Australia. We moved there from Southeast Asia at least 40,000 years ago. Who are we?”
- _____ **7.** “We began settling colonies in Australia near the end of the 1700s. Many of the first settlers came from our prisons. Who are we?”
- _____ **8.** “I am the capital of Australia and the only large city not located on the coast. What city am I?”

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, define the term *marsupial* and identify three of Australia’s most well-known marsupials.

- 1.** Definition: _____

- 2.** Marsupials: _____