



KEY VOCABULARY

industry

activity where **raw materials are changed into goods** that can be used and traded

Aboriginal People

**people living in Australia from the earliest times**, before the arrival of settlers or colonists

colony

a country, or an area, **under the control of another country** and often occupied by settlers from that country

settler

a person **who has moved, with other people, to live in a new country or area**

mining

where a **raw resource is extracted from the earth**, e.g., coal

The Commonwealth

a **group of countries that used to be part of the British Empire**, but now voluntarily work together on issues such as human rights

biome

a **community of plants and animals** that have shared characteristics due to the environment they live in

Uluru

a **massive sandstone rock in Australia's Northern Territory**: Uluru is sacred to indigenous Australians and is thought to have started forming around 550 million years ago



deciduous forest

trees drop their leaves in winter

Tasmania and East Coast



tropical forest

tall trees growing close together

North coast, Queensland



savannah

tall grassland and scattered trees

further inland on East Coast, parts of New South Wales



semi desert

short grass and small, dry bushes

across Australia including large parts of Western Australia



desert

sand and stone with few plants

Western and Central Australia

