

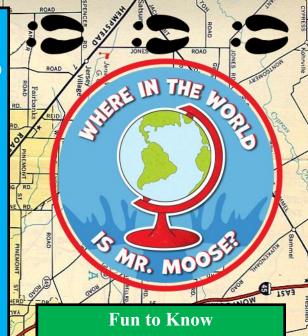
# TRAVEL JOURNAL

TRIP 5

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- I had a long flight from Iceland to the "land down under."
  - I tried surfing along the Great Ocean Road!
  - I met koalas and kangaroos as I traveled north through the country.
    - I saw cool Aboriginal Rock Paintings in the Northern Territory.
  - My final destination was a very unusual building where beautiful music is enjoyed!



Do moose shed their antlers?

Yes, each and every winter, but they grow back even bigger in the spring!

Have a question for me?

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# Did You Know?

The country I visited is known as the "land down under" because it is located "under" the equator in the southern hemisphere.

This country has many **marsupials**, such as the koala and kangaroo. Marsupials are mammals with a pouch where their young grow and develop after they're born.

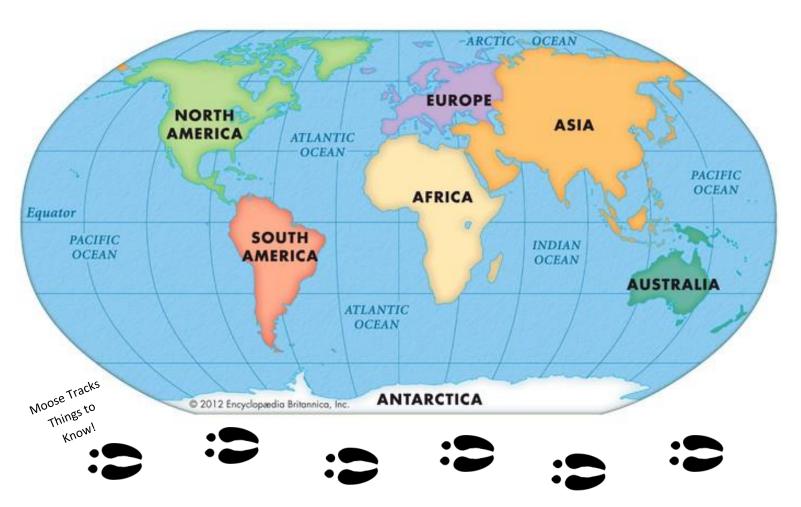
The **Great Barrier Reef** is home to the world's largest collection of coral reefs with six hundred different types of soft and hard coral!

# Where to Go

I read eBooks to learn about new places while on my travels by using Rourke Nonfiction eBooks.

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# What are GPS coordinates?

You have probably used a GPS, or a Global Positioning System, to figure out how to get from where you are to where you're going. You might even know that this system uses satellite signals to direct you! Did you know that GPS coordinates pinpoint your location using the same latitude and longitude grid system that we have been using on our maps?

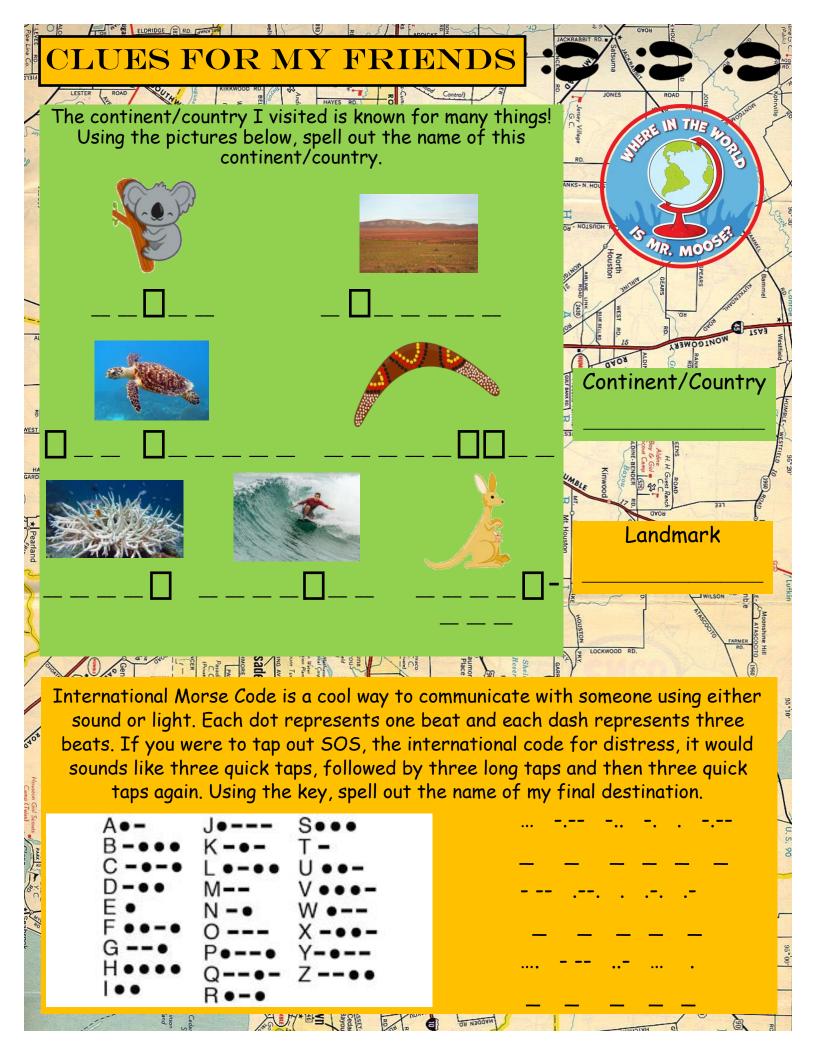
Using the map to the right, can you find the island at 41°S latitude, 145°E longitude?

To find a more specific location, there will be degrees, minutes and seconds written like this 33°51'22"S and 151°12'54"E.

To find that exact location, you would need a more localized map with the minutes marked by grid lines.







The game is called kee'an which means "to play" in the Wik-Mungkan language of North Queensland.



# Make a Didgeridoo

A didgeridoo is a very unusual and ancient instrument that the Aborigine people play. It is a wind instrument and can be quite long, from 3 to 10 feet in size. The longer the instrument the lower the sound it makes. You can make your own didgeridoo with recycled materials.

- If using smaller cardboard tubes, join them together by pushing each end slightly into another by squeezing it a little and easing it in.
- 2. Cover your tube with white or brown paper.
- 3. Decorate your instrument with markers or paint.
- 4. Once it has dried, take your balloon and cut a small hole in the top of the balloon. Stretch it over one end of the tube to use as a mouthpiece.
- 5. Enjoy playing your didgeridoo!

# Kee'an

# **Indigenous Traditional Game**

This is a throwing game that the people of North Queensland would play to improve their hunting skills. It involved throwing an animal bone with twine attached into a pit some distance away.

Now you can play this game by making a foxtail or comet ball by placing a tennis ball inside the toe of a sock. Use a hula hoop or a bucket as the target. Rotate your arm over your head to wind up the foxtail and let go aiming towards the target. See how many targets you can hit in a row and adjust the distance for more difficulty.



## What You'll Need:

- Recycled cardboard tube (gift wrap paper tube) OR several smaller cardboard tubes (paper towels or toilet paper tubes) connected together
- Paper to cover the tube
- Markers or paint
- Balloon