

3C Sydney: Worksheet

1 Watch the video report and complete the fact file about Sydney.

<p>SYDNEY</p> <p>Location in Australia: _____</p> <p>Population: _____</p> <p>Also known as: _____</p> <p>First Europeans arrived: _____</p> <p>Most famous for: _____ and _____</p> <p>Number of tourists per year: _____</p> <p>Harbour Bridge opened: _____</p>

2 Watch the report again and answer the questions.

1 Who was living in Australia when the Europeans arrived?

2 Who arrived in eleven ships with Captain Arthur Phillips?

3 How many lanes of traffic does this bridge carry?

4 What did a couple do on the bridge in 2008?

5 Who was Jørn Utzon?

6 Apart from opera, what can you watch at the Opera House?

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SYDNEY

Location in Australia: south-east coast

Population: 4 million people

Also known as: The Harbour City

First Europeans arrived: 26th January 1788

Most famous for: Harbour Bridge and Opera House

Number of tourists per year: 2.5 million

Harbour Bridge opened: 1924

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- 1 Aboriginal people
- 2 700 British criminals
- 3 Eight
- 4 They got married.
- 5 The architect of the Sydney Opera House
- 6 Concerts, plays and ballets

3C Sydney: Script

The city of Sydney is on the south-east coast of Australia. It's the country's biggest city, with a population of about four million people.

It is an international city; over half of its residents were born outside Australia.

Sydney is sometimes called 'The Harbour City', as it is built around a natural harbour.

The Aboriginal people lived in this area for at least 30,000 years before the Europeans arrived.

The first Europeans arrived on 26th January 1788. They were led by Captain Arthur Phillips. He arrived with eleven ships full with over 700 British criminals. This date is celebrated every year with a national holiday called 'Australia Day'.

Two and a half million tourists visit the city every year. Sydney is most famous for the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House.

Work started on The Harbour Bridge in 1924, and it finally opened in March 1932. The bridge is just over one kilometre long and carries eight lanes of traffic, two train lines, a footway and cycleway. Over 160,000 vehicles cross the bridge every day between the centre of the city and the north of the harbour.

You can climb the 1,439 steps to the top of the bridge. In 2008 a couple got married on the top of the bridge.

A Danish architect called Jørn Utzon designed the Sydney Opera House. He won a competition to design the building. His design was amazing but very difficult to build.

Work started on the building in 1958. But when the building finally opened in October 1973 it was ten years late and had cost 102 million Australian dollars – it was meant to cost 7 million dollars!

But now everyone recognises the beautiful building, and two million people visit it every year. They come to see the amazing building and to watch concerts, plays, ballets and operas here.

There are 1,000 rooms inside and more than one million tiles on the roof. In 2007 it was chosen as a United Nations World Heritage site, like the pyramids in Egypt and the Taj Mahal in India.