

Island Discoveries Answer Key

1. Australia and New Zealand.
2. Warm beaches, coral reefs, or wide open landscapes.
3. They live in habitats not found anywhere else.
4. They rely on fishing or live close to the ocean.
5. They all have natural beauty and unique cultures.

Teacher's Guide

- Read the passage aloud first to support developing readers.
- Highlight bolded words and discuss why they are important to understanding Oceania.
- Encourage students to use text evidence in their answers.

Differentiation Tips

- Provide sentence starters for students who need support.
- Allow advanced students to write longer responses using two pieces of evidence.
- Support English language learners with a small vocabulary preview before reading.

Engagement Ideas

- Show photos of beaches, coral reefs, or island traditions from Oceania before reading.
- Ask students to predict what they think Oceania looks like.

Extension Activities

- Have students write a short travel-style paragraph describing a place in Oceania.
- Invite students to compare Oceania to another continent they have studied.