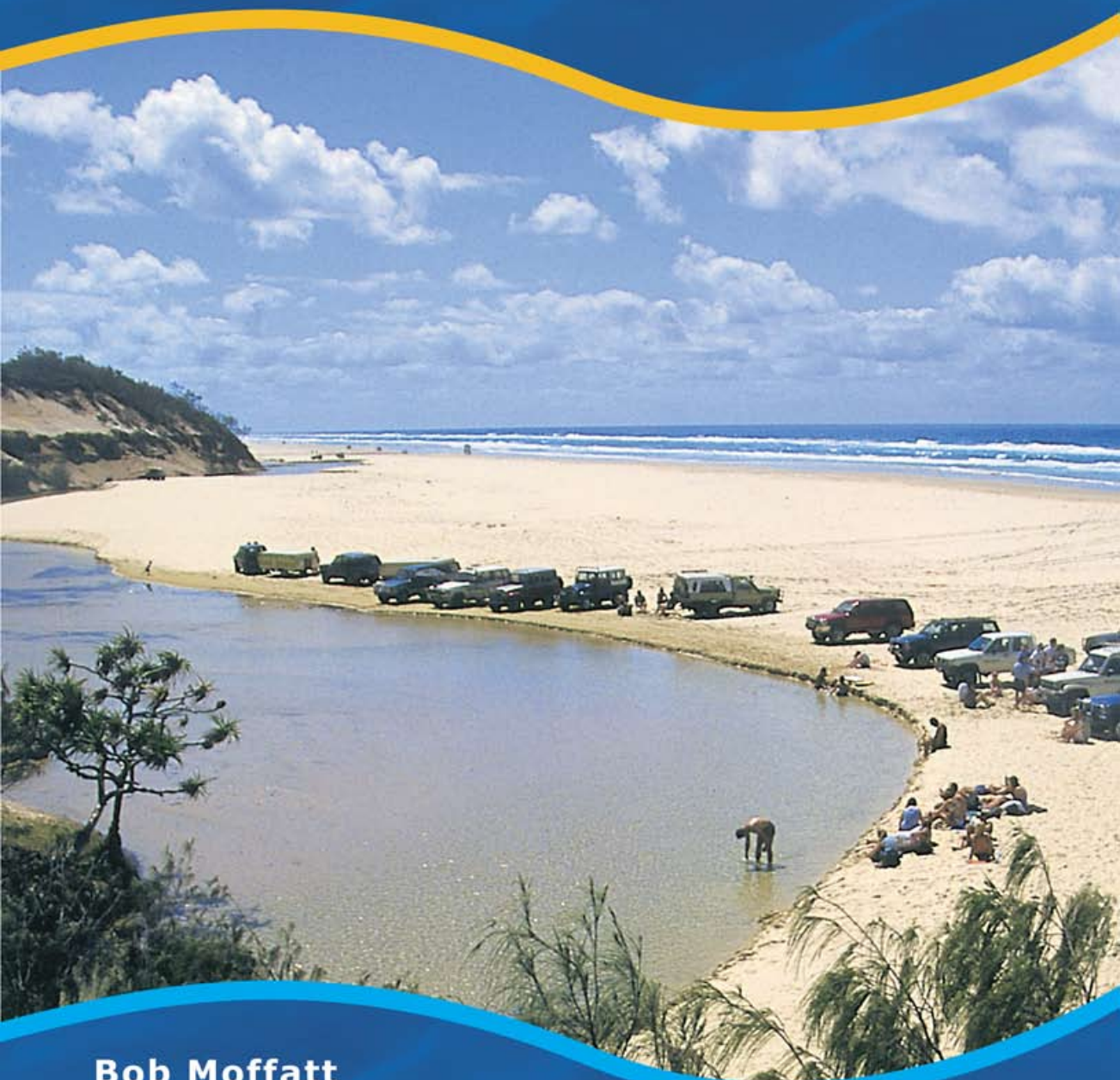




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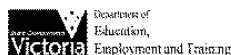
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What is tourism?

Most of us love a holiday by the sea. We can swim, fish, snorkel, go for long walks, go on boat trips or play in the sand. People who go on holidays are called tourists.

Tourism creates many jobs for people. Can you think of some of these jobs?



These tourists have come from many places to stay at Surfers Paradise on holiday packages. Use the internet to find out about some holidays.



What do tourists like to do?

Some people like to look at wildlife and natural places. Other people like to go on a family holiday or learn about the history of an area. Some people like to see how other people live. Often people from cold places like to visit somewhere warmer.

Weather

Good weather allows you to do water-based activities like snorkelling or swimming. Going on a boat is much more enjoyable in good weather.

When is the weather good for tourists in your State?

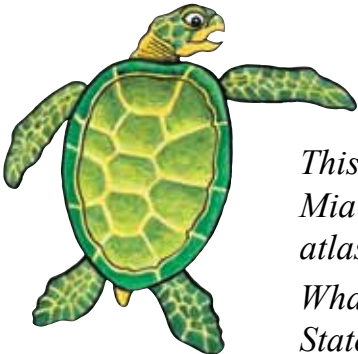
List the things you could do on holiday in warm weather.

*Where is this place?
Name some of its famous features.*



Getting close to sea creatures

Some people go to places where they can get really close to wild sea creatures. Rangers or guides often tell visitors and tourists about these sea creatures.



This dolphin has swum in from the sea at Monkey Mia in Shark Bay in Western Australia. Use your atlas to find out where Shark Bay is.

What types of marine life attract tourists to your State?



Fish feeding

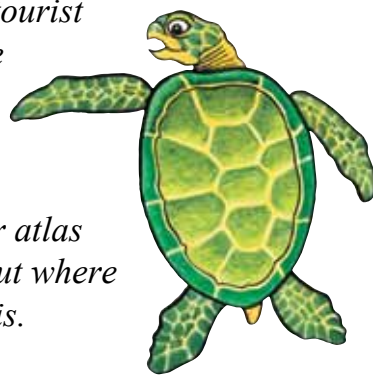
These fish in Darwin are being fed small pieces of bread. Each day they swim in with the tide and wait for tourists to feed them. Feeding wild animals is not always good for their health.

Why might it be bad for them?

Can you make a list of other tourist activities?

Make a tourist brochure for your area.

Use your atlas to find out where Darwin is.



Natural beauty

Many tourists are attracted to the natural beauty of an area. Some coastal areas have spectacular scenery. These people have taken a boat trip to see some interesting cliffs and rock formations.



This boat takes tourists on a tour through a hole in a rock in New Zealand. Use a map to find the Bay of Islands. What coastal places in your State have natural beauty to attract tourists?





Historical significance

Many tourists like to learn about past uses of the sea.

They like to imagine how things used to be in the olden days.

We can read signs and visit museums that tell us about the history of our seas.

Many families go on holiday to the same place year after year. Ask your grandparents or an older person you know about the early days when they went on a holiday. Where did they go and what did they do?

Whalers Way is near Port Lincoln in South Australia. Use your atlas to find out where Port Lincoln is.



Tourist venues

Tourist venues are places where tourists go for holidays. Some people like to visit a resort where everything is organised for them. Many people like to camp at a camping ground. Others like to go on a tour where everything is planned for them.

Resorts

Resorts often have swimming pools and restaurants grouped around a hotel. There are also lots of other activities. What other things would you like to do at a resort?



This is an example of a tourist resort. Can you see how the resort is built back from the sea? Why is this? What things could you do at this resort?



Camping grounds

Camping is a fun way to have a holiday.

The camping ground has tent sites and there are shower and toilet blocks. You can stay in a tent, a caravan or a cabin.

Camping grounds are good places to meet lots of people.



If you have ever been camping, what did you enjoy about it?

Camping grounds are now located back from the sea and have beach walkways through the dunes.

Why is this?

Cultural tourism

Tourists go to the Northern Territory to catch fish or experience wilderness. They also like to learn about the local culture from park rangers and guides.

These local people show tourists how to cook fish in a traditional way.



What are some cultural experiences available in your area?

Find out where Kakadu National Park is.



Tourist seasons

Some coastal areas attract tourists at one time of the year — this is called the tourist season.

Sometimes tourists visit an area because of the local weather or climate.

The tourist season on the coast of north Western Australia and the Northern Territory is in winter because the weather is warm and dry.

Sometimes the tourists come to an area because something special happens. When whales visit Hervey Bay, Queensland or Victor Harbour in South Australia, the whale-watching season attracts many tourists.



What is the nearest tourist town or city close to your school?

Use your atlas to find Hervey Bay and Victor Harbour.

Safety

Some tourist areas have signs to tell tourists about dangers.

It is important to read the signs and listen to tour guides.



Tourists who travel to different places need to be aware of local dangers like crocodiles, marine stingers, dangerous rips and overhanging cliffs.

Are there any dangers in your area that tourists should be aware of?

If you went on holiday to North Queensland in December, would you swim in the rivers at night?

Would you swim in the sea? Why not?

Conservation

If we look after beautiful places they will be there for us to enjoy for many years to come. Wineglass Bay in Tasmania is part of a marine park. This means that it is protected.



Imagine you and your class have just planted a beautiful garden at school and over 1000 people were coming to see it. How would you make sure the garden was protected?

Use your atlas to find Wineglass Bay.

What is a national park and why do we need them?

Tourism is fun

Lots of people work in the tourism industry. What kinds of jobs are there in the tourism industry? Here are some examples.

- Motels provide accommodation overnight.
- Restaurants feed tourists.
- Boats take tourists out to see sea creatures or scenery.

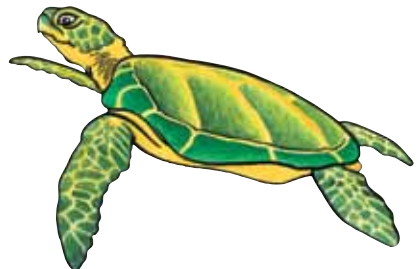
The money tourists spend helps many people who work in tourist areas.

This diver in the picture below is teaching students about the Great Barrier Reef from inside an aquarium in Townsville.



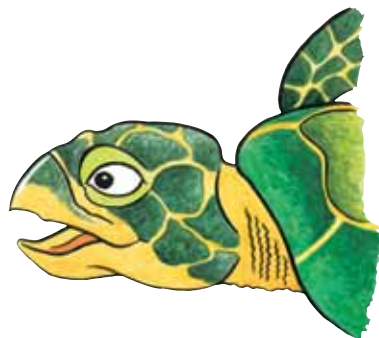
Would you like to work in the tourism industry?

In what way is tourism important to your area?



Glossary

| | |
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| camping ground | place where people can stay in tents, caravans and cabins |
| conservation | protecting nature |
| culture | special ways of life belonging to groups of people |
| guide | a person who can show visitors around a place |
| historical | to do with the past |
| holiday | a time when people do not go to work or school |
| holiday package | a holiday with travel and accommodation included in the price |
| motel | hotel where people can drive to the door of their room |
| national park | an area of land owned by government and protected for people and for wildlife |
| resort | place built for many people to go on holiday |
| snorkelling | using a mask and snorkel to see underwater |
| tourist | person travelling on holidays |
| venue | a place or location where people gather |
| whaling | catching and killing whales for their meat and oil |



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