



READING in GEOGRAPHY



ULURU



Uluru (formerly Ayers Rock) is a large sandstone rock formation in the “Outback” of _____. The rock is located in the centre of Australia and 450 kilometres by road from the city of Alice _____, Northern Territory.

Uluru is 348 metres in _____ and has a circumference of 9.4 kilometres. Only about 15% of the rock is above ground. It is commonly thought to be the largest rock in the world; in fact, it is only the second largest rock. (Mt Augustus in Western Australia is the largest rock). Nearby Uluru is Kata Tjuta, another huge rock formation valued by many as much as Uluru.

The name Uluru has no particular meaning but the local Aboriginals regard the rock as _____. The local Aboriginals are the Pitjantjatjara and the Yankunytjatjara. A variety of ancestral stories relate to Uluru and its origins. Those _____ include “serpent women”, “serpent beings”, “inglorious battles” and even just “boys playing in the mud”.

Uluru is a very popular tourist _____ despite its extraordinary isolation. The rock is a wonderful natural feature, rising spectacularly from an otherwise flat and featureless desert landscape. It presents an awe-inspiring sight for the _____. The rock also features a vast and changing array of colours due to influences such as time of day, shadow and rainfall or wetting of the rock. The rock can be a deep red at _____. Many visitors insist on seeing the rock at that _____. Tourists do climb the rock and there have been 35 _____ due to mishaps. Climbing of the sacred rock is discouraged. Removal of any rocks from the site is also taboo with stories of curses and bad _____. Native wildlife abounds near the rock. Mallee-fowl, wallabies, possums, skinks, red _____, goannas, emu and bush turkey are all in abundance. Yulara is a nearby township that supports tourism. The town is 15km from the _____.

COMPREHENSION

1. What was the former name of Uluru? _____
2. What is the nearest city to Uluru? _____
3. How high is Uluru? _____
4. How far is it around Uluru? _____
5. Which rock is larger than Uluru? _____
6. What is Kata Tjuta? _____
7. Name one of Uluru’s local Aboriginal people. _____
8. What colour might the rock be at sunset? _____
9. How many people have died climbing the rock? _____
10. What is the name of the tourist town near Uluru? _____

Reference: wikipedia.org/wiki/Uluru

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