

# THE CASE OF THE MISSING EMU

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## WHAT IS A SYMBOL?

Use a dictionary to complete a vocabulary card for the word **symbol**.

Definition	Examples (words or pictures)
Similar words (synonyms)	Word in a sentence
<b>symbol</b>	
Opposite words (antonyms)	

## SYMBOLS I KNOW

What symbols do you know? Use the space to draw some well known symbols. Next to each symbol, write where you have seen this symbol.



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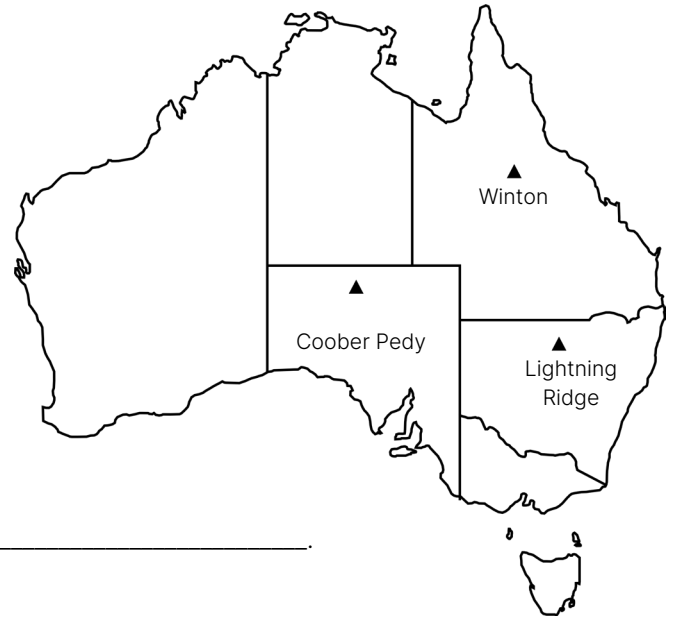
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## OPALS

Opal facts:

- Opals are the national gemstone of Australia.
- They are also called the 'fire of the desert'.
- Black opals are very rare and valuable.

Some famous opal mining towns are shown on the map of Australia. Finish the sentences by writing in which state each town is found.



Winton is in \_\_\_\_\_.

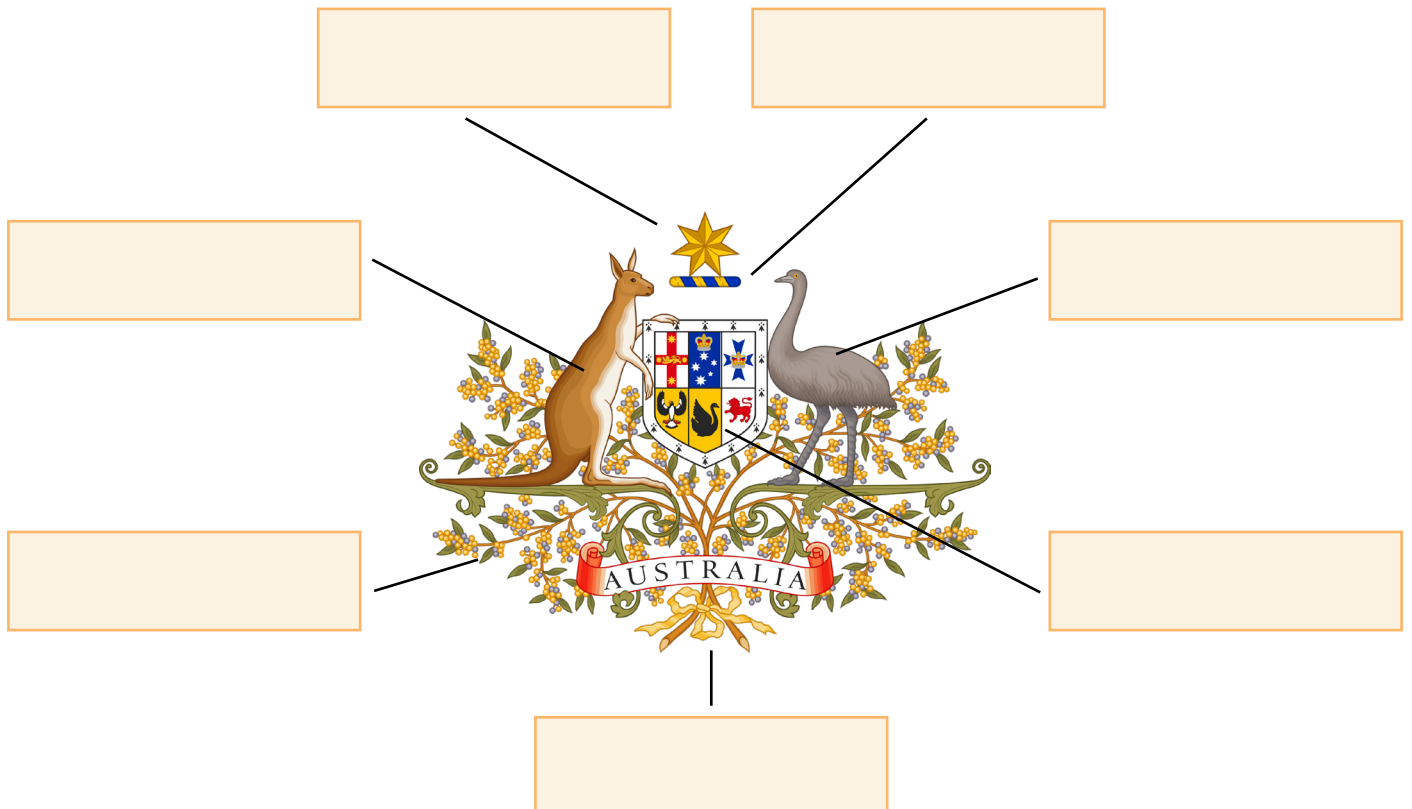
Coober Pedy is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Lightning Ridge is in \_\_\_\_\_.

## COMMONWEALTH COAT OF ARMS

Write the correct symbols in the boxes to label the Commonwealth Coat of Arms.

**Symbols:** Commonwealth Star, Golden Wattle, shield, wreath, scroll, kangaroo, emu



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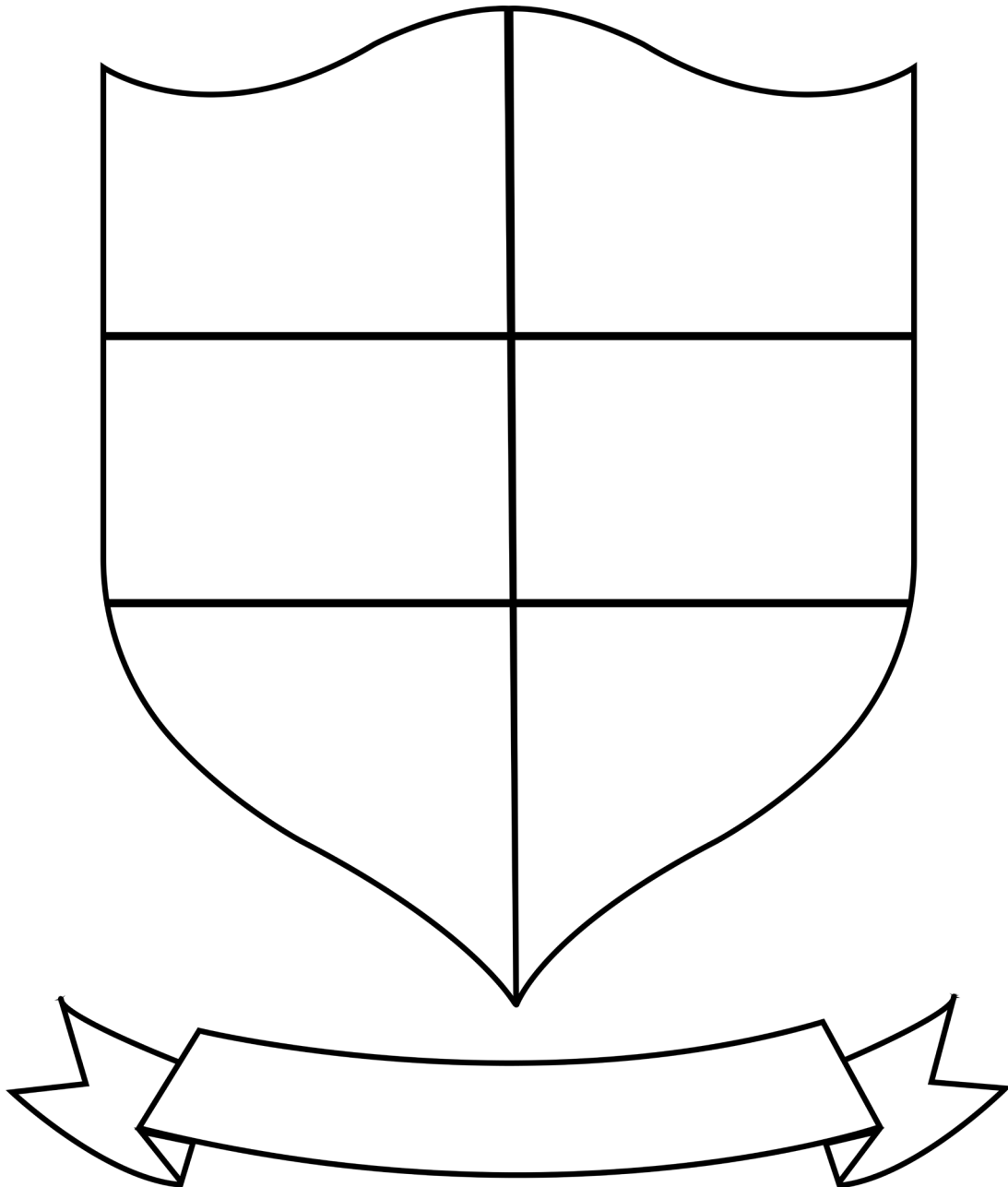
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## YOUR COAT OF ARMS

Think about the symbols you could use to represent yourself on your own coat of arms. There are six sections on this shield. Use these suggestions or think of your own ideas.

1. Your family (Where are your ancestors from?)
2. Favourite colour
3. Favourite food, song, movie, or book
4. Activities you enjoy
5. Something that makes you happy
6. Your greatest achievement

Use the area around the shield to add other symbols that represent you. Write your name on the scroll.



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## FOUR BY FOUR

Choose activities from the grid. Activities with a star ★ might take a bit longer.

ENGLISH	MATHS & SCIENCE	THE ARTS	RESEARCH
<p><b>Symbol Synonyms</b> Look up the words emblem, icon and logo. They are all synonyms of the word symbol. How are they different?</p>	<p><b>Plant Tag</b> When you buy plants, they have a tag giving facts about the plant and how to care for it. Create a plant tag for the Golden Wattle.</p>	<p><b>Unofficial Symbols</b> As well as the official national symbols, there are also popular unofficial symbols of Australia. Create a collage of official and unofficial symbols.</p>	<p><b>State Arms</b> As well as different flags and symbols, many states also have their own Coat of Arms. Find out about the Arms of each state and what they represent.</p>
<p><b>Acrostic Poems</b> Choose a national symbol and write an acrostic poem to describe the symbol and how it makes you feel or why you think it is important.</p>	<p><b>Popularity Poll</b> Survey your class to find out which national symbol is the most popular. Create a column graph to show your findings.</p>	<p><b>Wattle Songs</b> Many songs about wattle have been written and recorded by Australian musicians. Listen to some of these songs and compare them. Which do you like best and why?</p>	<p><b>State Emblems</b> Each Australian state and territory has its own set of symbols such as animal, floral, and bird. Find out the symbols and create a set of memory game cards with two cards for each symbol. Play memory with a friend.</p>
<p><b>Symbol Speech</b> Which of Australia's symbols do you like best? Which do you think is the most important? Write a speech and present it to the class.</p>	<p><b>Wattle Seeds</b> Gather wattle seeds from a wattle plant or ask an adult to buy you some. Complete a scientific report on every observation you can make on the look, feel and smell.</p>	<p><b>Family Arms</b> Design your own family coat of arms. Make sure it represents your whole family.</p>	<p><b>Opal Colours</b> Opals are different colours depending on how and where they were formed. Choose your favourite opal colour and explain why it is a good symbol for Australia.</p>
<p><b>★ Must Include</b> Write a story about two children, a kookaburra and a wombat. Your story must include a line from the Australian National Anthem, the Southern Cross, wattle, an opal and a sticky note.</p>	<p><b>★ Opal Mining</b> Find out how opals are mined. How hard is it? How many steps are there? How is the environment changed by opal mining?</p>	<p><b>★ Where Have You Been?</b> Mila and Kai arrive home after their adventure. Their parents ask where they have been. With a partner or group, act out the scene.</p>	<p><b>★ Symbol Spotto!</b> Over the next week, keep an eye out for our national symbols. Each time you see one, write down where you saw it. Score a point for each symbol you see. Who will be the spotto winner?</p>