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Australian Expeditions

Part 1

Explorers and missionaries were among the first Europeans to travel into desert areas in the vast heart of Australia. Research the journeys of these adventurers and fill in the following table.

Name of explorer/missionary	Departed from	Date of departure	Places visited (List all key places visited)	Date of return

Part 2

Research the two expeditions that traversed Australia from south to north (one led by Stuart, the other by Burke and Wills).

When you have completed your research, imagine you are taking part in one of the expeditions and are keeping a diary of what happens each day. For one week make a day-by-day entry in your diary. You may choose to begin your entries at the beginning of the expedition, in the middle or towards its end.

Work in pairs, one keeping a diary for the Burke and Wills expedition and one for Stuart's expedition. At the end of the week swap diaries and compare your imagined experiences. Illustrate your diaries with drawings of new things you encounter on your journey.

