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## ACTIVITY SHEET

### BASIN GEOGRAPHY

**1** On the map, draw/shade the area of Australia covered by the Murray-Darling Basin.

**2** Put a cross where you think the Murray and Darling rivers start.

**3** Draw a circle where the Murray River outlets to the sea.

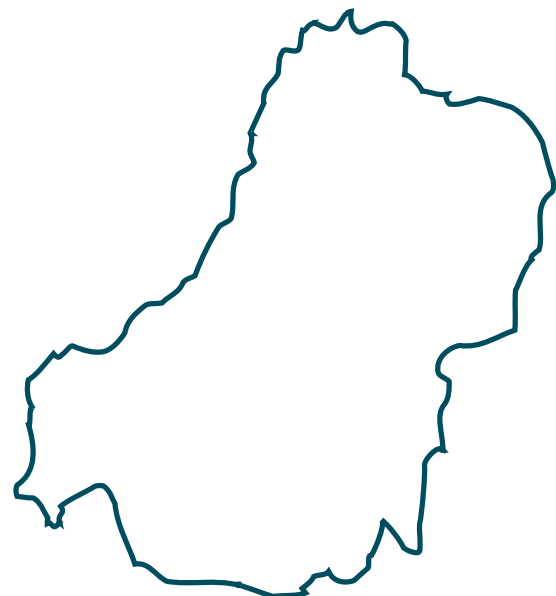
**4** Put a tick in the states or territories that the Murray-Darling Basin does not pass through.

**5** Draw arrows on the map of the Basin to show in which direction the rivers flow.



In different colours, shade the climatic regions or environments in the Basin that you think are:

- tropical/sub-tropical
- temperate (mostly even climate)
- cold, mountainous, alpine
- floodplains
- estuarine (where freshwater and salt water mix)





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- 1 The approximate total area of the Basin is:  
(a) 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>? (b) 100,000 km<sup>2</sup>? (c) 1,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 2 Approximately what percentage of Australia does the Basin cover?  
(a) 2% (b) 14% (c) 35%
- 3 What sort of climates are found in the Basin?  
(a) Sub-tropical (b) Temperate (c) Both of these
- 4 Approximately how many wetlands are in the Basin?  
(a) 2,000 (b) 15,000 (c) 30,000
- 5 How long is the Murray River?  
(a) 120 kms (b) 1,145 kms (c) 2,530 kms
- 6 Where does the Murray River start?  
(a) Snowy Mountains (b) Goolwa (c) Queensland
- 7 What type of environment is most of the Basin?  
(a) Floodplain (b) Lake (c) Sea
- 8 Which states' borders are formed by the Murray River?  
(a) QLD/NSW (b) NSW/VIC (c) VIC/SA
- 9 Which mountain range runs along the eastern side of the Basin?  
(a) Dandenong (b) Great Dividing (c) Mt. Lofty
- 10 What type of waterways are found in the Murray–Darling Basin?  
(a) Rivers, creeks and lakes (b) Lakes, billabongs and marshes (c) All of these

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ANSWER

