# every word has a story: RESOURCe

etymological analysis: Possible Teaching points

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| [terra](https://www.etymonline.com/search?q=terra)  Latin meaning earth | Related words  territory, subterranean, terrain, terrace, terra firma, terrestrial  Interestingly, [terrier](https://www.etymonline.com/search?q=terrier) dates from the early 1500s Old French and means ‘earth dog’. Terrier dogs were sent down borrows to chase foxes, rabbits and badgers. |
| terra nullius | Land belonging to no one.  From the Latin - terra – meaning earth, and nullus, meaning no one.  It is also interesting to think of the name, Nullarbor – meaning nullus (no) + arbor (tree) |
| australis  Latin meaning south | terra australis meant southern land |
| incognita  in (not, opposite, without) + cognita (to get to know) = unknown, not investigated | Related words  cognitive, cognizance, cognition, cognizant, cognizance, incognito |
| [circumnavigate](https://www.etymonline.com/word/circumnavigate#etymonline_v_28127) | to sail around, pass around by water,  circum (around) + navigate (1580s, move from place to place in a ship.  1784 – also used in relation to balloons  1901 – used in relation to aircraft |
| [Eora](https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/stories/eora) | The peoples who around the city of Sydney before European invasion/arrival identified themselves as Eora (pronounced ‘yura’) meaning ‘the people’. The word derives from Ee, meaning yes, and ora, meaning here, or this place. |
| [hypothetical](https://www.etymonline.com/search?q=hypothetical)  From Latin  hypo (under) thesis (proposition)  basis on an argument | Explore prefix hypo – under  Related words: hypothermia, hypodermic, hypocrisy  Compare hypo (under) with hyper (over, beyond measure) |
| continent | continuous tract of land  con (together) tenere (to hold) |
| Dutch Explorers | Dutch explorers were mapping Australia’s coastline in the mid 1600’s, thus the name New Holland. Today many place names reflect Dutch exploration, for example, Tasmania, once known as Van Diemen’s land, was later named after Abel Tasman. Van Diemen inlet is found in Queensland.  Arnhem land is names after the ship, Arnhem which explored the area in 1623. |
| Mathew Flinders | A British navigator who was first to circumnavigate Australia and identify it as a continent. He is credited with using the term, Australia.  The Flinders Ranges and Flinders University in South Australia and Flinders Street and Flinders Street Station in Melbourne bear his name.  <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-26/the-spirit-of-matthew-flinders-lives-on-throughout-australia/10749314> |
| You may wish to discuss practice of ‘naming’ landmarks and place names in Australia by European explorers and compare them to indigenous place names.  <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Australian_place_names_of_Aboriginal_origin> | |

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