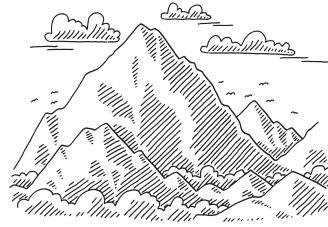


# The Blue Mountains

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• The Blue Mountains are about 50 km west of Sydney.



• When Europeans arrived in Australia, the Blue Mountains were inhabited by the Gundungurra people.

• The first officially recognised crossing of the mountains by Europeans is credited to Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson in 1813.

• Having been crossed, this opened up the vast grain growing and sheep grazing areas of New South Wales.

• They are named the Blue Mountains because they look blue from Sydney. A fine mist of eucalyptus oil from gum leaves refracts light, which makes the haze look blue at a distance.

• The greater Blue Mountains Area is listed as a World Heritage Area.

Do you know any more interesting facts about The Blue Mountains?

## Research Questions

What is the highest point in the Blue Mountains?

What is the largest town in the Blue Mountains?

The oldest bridge on mainland Australia is in the Blue Mountains. What is its name?

What is the name of the famous caves found in the Blue Mountains?

## The Three Sisters

The three sisters is a rock formation in the Blue Mountains. An aboriginal dreamtime legend tells how the three sisters were turned to stone by a witchdoctor.

Draw the Three Sisters and write their names.

## Synonyms

A synonym is a word having the same or almost the same meaning as another word.

Select a synonym for the **bold** words.

Mountains are **higher** than hills.  
(longer taller smaller)

It was **difficult** for early explorers to cross the Blue Mountains.  
(easy fun hard)

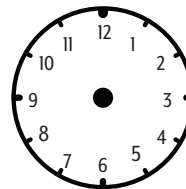
The Blue Mountains has **spectacular** scenery.  
(boring stunning old)

The Blue Mountains are very **ancient**.  
(young old high)

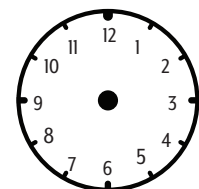
## Time

Jay recorded the time of various events on his trip to the Blue Mountains.

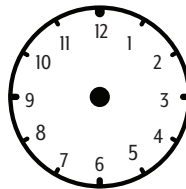
Mark the time on each clock face.



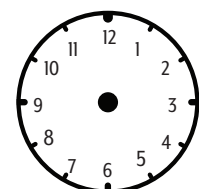
Left home - 9.30am



Coffee stop Blaxland  
- 10.45am



Lunch at Katoomba  
- 12.30pm



Visit Echo Point - 2.15pm

How long did it take from when Jay left home to when he arrived at Echo Point?