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Read the feature topic on Rottnest Island in today's ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.



- What are the Noongar names for Rottnest, Carnac and Garden Islands?
- Why is Rottnest Island important to Aboriginal people?
- What is the name of the sea current which feeds the reefs around Rottnest?
- What activities can visitors do on Rottnest?



- Make a hypothesis about what fraction of people in your class have been to Rottnest. Conduct a class survey to find out if you were right.
- Choose three areas on the map that you are interested in based only on the name. Search online to find out what you can see or do at that part of Rottnest. Are they still interesting to you?
- List ten things you would pack if you were going on a holiday to Rottnest Island.
- Have you ever taken a 'quokka selfie'? How hard was it to snap the perfect picture?



- Choose an animal which can be spotted on or near Rottnest Island and carry out research to find out more about its features, behaviours and conservation status.
- Visit the State Library of WA or the Trove website (slwa.wa.gov.au or trove.nla.gov.au) to find photographs and articles about Rottnest Island from the past. Share the most interesting thing you found with your class.



- Do you think the 'official' name of Rottnest Island should stay as is, or should it be changed to its Aboriginal name? Give reasons for your opinion.
- Make a list of natural and cultural attractions mentioned in the article. Which two do you think are the most and least interesting?
- Do you agree with the statement 'no trip to Rottnest is complete without a cream and jam donut from the bakery.'? Is there something else you feel is more essential for a good trip to Rottnest?



- The current slogan on the Rottnest Island website is 'the simple pleasures in life'. Other tourism campaigns encourage visitors to 'take a quokka selfie'. Suggest an alternative slogan which could be used to promote the island.



- Search through your copy of *The West Australian* or go on line to thewest.com.au/travel to find stories about other WA travel destinations. Which places have you visited? Where would you like to go?