

Unusual Place Names

Based on the *The Glimme* by Emily Rodda and Marc McBride

There are many unusual place names used in **The Glimme**. Some describe the area and some are named for other reasons. Australia also has many unusual place names. See if you can make a guess about why each place has been given its name. When you have finished, you might like to visit this website <https://bit.ly/AusPlaces> to discover the real history behind how these places got their strange names.

Write a short comment beside each place name to describe how you think it got its name.

Dismal Swamp (Tasmania) _____

Edge of the World (Tasmania) _____

Gunbarrel Highway (Western Australia) _____

Useless Loop (Western Australia) _____

Nowhere Else Road (South Australia) _____

Come By Chance (New South Wales) _____

Valley of the Giants (Western Australia) _____

Banana (Queensland) _____

Poowong (Victoria) _____

Boing Boing (Northern Territory) _____

Use an atlas to find these places.

Look at the map in **The Glimme** on pp.112-113.

Create a map of your own showing the setting you could use for a story.

Use the words in this list or other strange place names as points on your map.

- 11 Weird place names from around the world <https://bit.ly/OtherPlaces1>
- Top 120 Cities in the World with Funny Names <https://bit.ly/OtherPlaces2>
- Odd and unusual place names <https://bit.ly/OtherPlaces3>