



AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day, celebrated on 26 January, is the biggest day of celebration in the nation. Across the states and territories Australia Day is observed as a public holiday.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Australian Flag

Revisit the *Australian National Flag Day* unit that appeared in Issue 4, September 2006, page 6 (this unit can also be downloaded **here**).

http://www.teacherstoolkit.net.au/images/TTPDF_lesson/Hi/TT04_AusFlagDay.pdf

Make a Pledge

- Discuss with the class the Pledges of Commitment to Australia made by all persons becoming Australian citizens (see the **Australian Citizenship** website) <http://www.citizenship.gov.au/>
- http://www.teacherstoolkit.net.au/images/TTPDF_lesson/Hi/TT04_Citizenship.pdf
- Ask the students to write their own pledge reflecting on what it means to be Australian. Allow the students to decorate their page then read their pledges to the class or school. Display the pledges around the classroom.

Let's Play

Go to the 'Kids' section of the **Australia Day** website.

<http://www.australiaday.gov.au/pages/page5.asp>

Have the students play the online game 'Australia Day Memory Game'. You may also download the additional games 'Australian Trivia', 'Aussie Crossword' and 'Aussie Find-a-Word' for distribution to the students (Microsoft Word is required to open and print these games). Answers for the trivia and crossword games can also be downloaded.

Timeline

- Go to the '**About Australia Day**' section of the Australia Day website. <http://www.australiaday.gov.au/pages/page3.asp>
You will find a link to an '**Australia Day Timeline**'. <http://www.australiaday.gov.au/pages/page20.asp> The timeline contains a useful summary of the history of Australia day. Use it to ask the students questions such as:
 - When was the first aboriginal person chosen as Australian of the year? Who was it? (1968, Lionel Rose)
 - What was important about the year 1888? (Centenary of white settlement of Australia)
 - What year did Captain Arthur Phillip unfurl the British flag at Sydney Cove? (1788)
 - What event was held in 1836? (The first 'Anniversary Regatta' on Sydney Harbour)
 - What was significant in 1994? (All States and Territories began to celebrate Australia Day on the actual day—January 26—for the first time.)Further information about the history of Australia Day may be found at the '**History of Australia Day**' page of the Australia Day Council of New South Wales website. <http://www.australiaday.com.au/history.html>
- Have students consult the **Australia Day** website to create their own questions to quiz other students, either in groups or in pairs. <http://www.australiaday.gov.au/pages/index.asp>

Construct

Divide the class into small groups. Ask them to select an Australian icon—for example, a building, a person, an animal, or a native plant. Instruct the groups to design, make, draw or paint their icon using recyclable materials. Display these around the classroom.



AUSTRALIA DAY TRIVIA QUIZ QUESTIONS

Sport

1. Which horse won the Melbourne Cup in 2002?
2. What was Sir Donald Bradman's batting average?
3. Who is Australia's only Formula One driver?
4. Who won the Brownlow Medal in 2003?
5. Who was the most recent Australian to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon?
6. Which Australian was named the most valuable player in the US's WNBA?
7. Which Australian has won the FIM World Motorcycle Championship 5 times?
8. How many gold medals did Australians win at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games?
9. Of our Australian male swimmers, who has won the most Olympic gold medals?
10. What Australian company is the largest surfwear manufacturer?

General Knowledge

1. How many countries are larger than Australia?
2. In what state/territory was the highest recorded temperature, of 53oC, recorded?
3. Australia has the world's largest sand island. What is its name?
4. In what year was Advance Australia Fair proclaimed as the national anthem by the Governor-General?
5. Do all states/territories have the same blood alcohol limit for non-probationary drivers?
6. What animal is on the Western Australia flag?
7. In what city did the Commonwealth Parliament first sit?
8. What animal featured on the 2 cent coin?
9. Who is the only person to have been awarded both the Australian of the Year and Young Australian of the Year titles?
10. Who is on the front of the current issue \$100 note?

Arts and Literature

1. Who designed the Sydney Opera House?
2. How many albums did the late slim Dusty record?
3. Who painted the Nebuchadnezzar series?
4. Who wrote "Cloudstreet"?
5. In what year did the Australian National Gallery open?
6. Which band has received an Australian of the Year Award?
7. Who was the first Australian to win the Booker Prize?
8. Who was the subject of the 2003 Archibald Prize winning portrait?
9. Who is the lead singer of Silverchair?
10. Who has an award-winning album is titled *Barricades and Brickwalls*?

History and Science

1. How many ships were in the First Fleet?
2. What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?
3. Who invented the bionic ear?
4. Where was Ned Kelly's last stand?
5. Who was Australia's first Aboriginal Senator?
6. What date did "new" parliament house open?
7. Which Australian promised to "Go all the way with LBJ"?
8. In what year was gold first discovered in Victoria and NSW to begin the "Gold Rush"?
9. Which Australian won a Nobel Prize for immune defence research?
10. In what year was decimal currency introduced?

Entertainment

1. What were the first names of the winning couple from *The Block*?
2. What is the highest grossing Australian movie?
3. Who is the longest serving presenter of *Playschool*?
4. What three movies are part of Baz Luhrmann's "Red Curtain Trilogy"?
5. Who are the actors who play *Kath and Kim*?
6. Cate Blanchett has received an Academy Award nomination for what movie?
7. What Australian movie includes the phrase "Tell him he's dreaming"?
8. What song played during Scott and Charlene's wedding on *Neighbours*?
9. Which actor has had leading roles in *Pharlap*, *The Man from Snowy River* and *Eureka Stockade*?
10. Who won consecutive Gold Logie's from 1997 to 2000?

Geography

1. Name Australia's western-most point?
2. How much of Australia is classified as desert A) 8% B) 16% C) 25% D) 35%
3. Which is the second largest city in NSW?
4. In what state/territory is the Brisbane Ranges National Park?
5. The Tamar River flows to which Tasmanian town/city?
6. What is the tallest waterfall in Australia?
7. What is the longest river in the Northern Territory?
8. The landmark *Katu Tjuta* is also known as what?
9. What is Australia's largest non-salt lake?
10. What is South Australia's largest island?

Fabulous Facts

1. In rhyming slang, if someone said they were going to have a "bo-peep", what they be doing?
2. Australians hold the world record for which amazing feat? A) Fastest Beer bottle opening B) Largest Christmas Cracker C) Most Sheep Sheared in 24 hours D) Largest Chicken Dance
3. What is Kylie Minogue's lingerie line called?
4. Where is the Big Prawn?
5. Approximately how many rabbits are there in Australia today? A) 3 million B) 30 million C) 300 million D) 3,000 million.
6. What was the name of Olivia Newton-John's chain of clothing stores?
7. What outback town's population swells from 120 to crowds of over 5000 for a racing carnival?
8. Which of the following is not an Australian innovation? A) Chiko Roll B) Lawn Sprinkler C) Plastic bank notes D) Dual flush toilet E) Wine Cask?
9. What creature does Jana Pittman have tattooed on her body?
10. The Idiot Fruit and Darling Peas are poisonous, True or False?

AUSTRALIA DAY TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

Sport

1. *Media Puzzle*
2. *99.94*
3. *Mark Webber*
4. *Mark Ricciuto, Nathan Buckley, Adam Goodes*
5. *Lleyton Hewitt*
6. *Lauren Jackson*
7. *Michael Doohan*
8. *2 – Steven Bradbury and Alisa Camplin*
9. *Murray Rose*
10. *Quicksilver*

General Knowledge

1. *Five (Australia is the sixth largest country: Russia, Canada, China, USA, Brazil)*
2. *Queensland*
3. *Fraser Island*
4. *1984*
5. *Yes*
6. *Black swan*
7. *Melbourne*
8. *Frilled neck lizard*
9. *Cathy Freeman*
10. *Dame Nellie Melba*

Arts and Literature

1. *Joern Utzon*
2. *103*
3. *Arthur Boyd*
4. *Tim Winton*
5. *1982*
6. *The Seekers*
7. *Thomas Keneally*
8. *Richard Flanagan*
9. *Daniel Johns*
10. *Casey Chambers*

History and Science

1. *11*
2. *1974*
3. *Professor Graeme Clark*
4. *Glenrowan*
5. *Neville Bonner*
6. *9th May, 1988*
7. *Prime Minister, Harold Holt*
8. *1851*
9. *Professor Peter Doherty*
10. *1966*

Entertainment

1. *Fiona and Adam*
2. *Crocodile Dundee*
3. *Benita*
4. *Strictly Ballroom, Romeo and Juliet, and Moulin Rouge*
5. *Jane Turner and Gina Riley*
6. *Elizabeth*
7. *The Castle*
8. *Suddenly*
9. *Tom Burlinson*
10. *Lisa McCune*

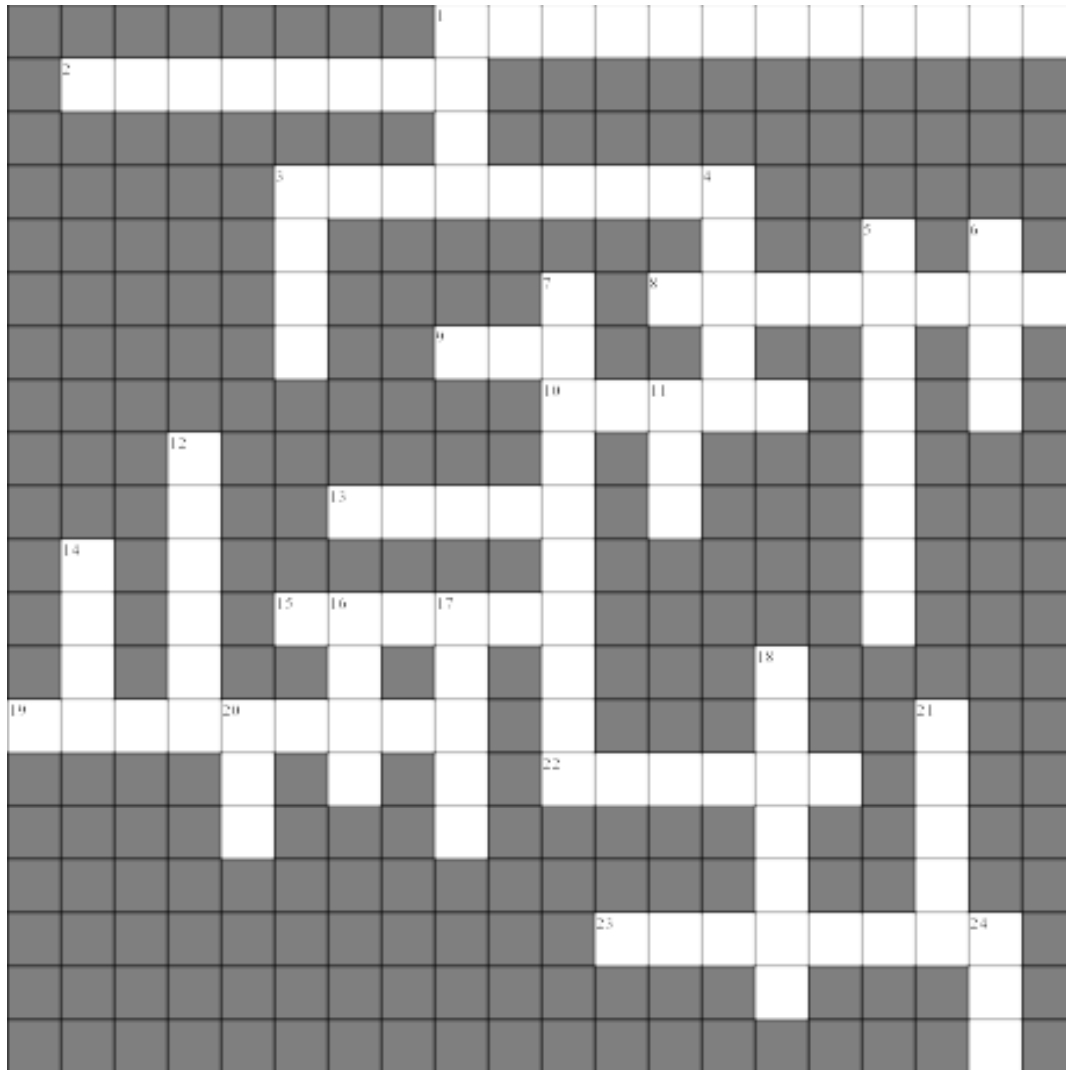
Geography

1. *Steep Point (Shark Bay)*
2. *D - 35%*
3. *Newcastle*
4. *Victoria*
5. *Launceston*
6. *Wallaman Falls, QLD*
7. *Victoria*
8. *The Olgas*
9. *Lake Mackay, WA*
10. *Kangaroo Island*

Fabulous Facts

1. *Having a sleep*
2. *B - Largest Christmas Cracker*
3. *Love Kylie*
4. *Ballina*
5. *C - 300 million*
6. *Koala Blue*
7. *Birdsville*
8. *B - Lawn sprinkler*
9. *Bee*
10. *True*

AUSTRALIA DAY CROSSWORD



Across

1. What special year was 1988 for Australia?
2. What is the ACT floral emblem?
3. This exciting, night-time event is common on Australia Day, except in northern Australia, whose wet season makes this event difficult.
8. In La Perouse, some indigenous Australians mark Australia Day with an inaugural..... Concert?
9. A kangaroo and what other animal feature on Australia's coat of arms?
10. What does the red section of the Aboriginal flag represent?
13. On the National Flag, how many points does the Federation Star have?
15. According to the words of Australia's National Anthem, in what sort of strains should we sing?
19. On Australia Day we what's great about Australia.
22. What is the capital of the Northern Territory?
23. On Australia Day, many new Australians take an oath and become what?

Down

1. What colour is the wide centre stripe on the Torres Strait Islander flag?
3. How many stars on the New South Wales state flag?
4. The floral emblem of South Australia was named after explorer Charles who?
5. This state's floral emblem is the Common Heath?
6. People from Western Australia are sometimes fondly referred to as- gropers?
7. Which state counts the Great Barrier Reef as one of its many tourist attractions?
11. Tasmania's state flag contains an image of what colour lion?
12. The golden is Australia's floral emblem?
14. Lionel who was the first Aboriginal Australian of the Year?
16. What national gemstone is sometimes referred to as the "fire in the desert"?
17. The group of ships that arrived in Australia on 26 January 1788 are called the First what?
18. Captain Arthur landed at Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788.
20. Australians often share what meal/activity with family and friends to celebrate Australia Day? (abbreviation)
21. and gold were proclaimed as Australia's national colours by the Governor-General on 19 April, 1984.
24. The shield in the centre of the coat of arms is divided into how many sections?

ANSWERS

Across

1. BICENTENNIAL
2. BLUEBELL
3. FIREWORKS
8. SURVIVAL
9. EMU
10. EARTH
13. SEVEN
15. JOYFUL
19. CELEBRATE
22. DARWIN
23. CITIZENS

Down

1. BLUE
3. FOUR
4. STURT
5. VICTORIA
6. SAND
7. QUEENSLAND
11. RED
12. WATTLE
14. ROSE
16. OPAL
17. FLEET
18. PHILLIP
20. BBQ
21. GREEN
24. SIX