

EXERCISES



The Australian Show

ENGLISH EDUCATIONAL SHOW FOR SCHOOLS

1. What is Australia?

☞ Think of different words to describe what Australia is.

A continent in the Southern Hemisphere ■ A Federation - 6 states, 2 territories ■ A country ■ A giant island ■ The land 'Down Under'

2. What do you know about Australian History?



- ☞ 1. Who are Aborigines and how long do you think they have been living in Australia for? How many languages do you think they spoke in past?
- ☞ 2. Who was Captain Cook and what did he do? Do you know that Australia was discovered long before Captain Cook came?
- ☞ 3. Who did England send to Australia after claiming the land?
- ☞ 4. Have you heard of Ned Kelly?
- ☞ 5. Who do you think “a swagman” was and in which century could you meet a swagmen in Australia?
- ☞ 6. What date is the Australia Day and why?

1. The original (= indigenous) inhabitants of Australia; more than 60,000 years; about 250 languages
 2. A British discoverer; came to Australia in 1770 and claimed the land for Great Britain. Australia was discovered in 1606 by the Dutch.
 3. Convicts - prisoners. Australia became a 'penal colony'.
 4. An Australian bushranger who lived in the 19th century. Ned Kelly had many incidents with authorities and at the end was executed.
 He became an Australian folk hero.
 5. A tramp - a man who travelled on foot with his swag (waterproof blanket) and did temporary work on farms; the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century
 6. 26th of January; commemorates the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney and the beginning of white settlement in Australia.

3. Which unique Australian animals do you know?



- ☞ 1. Kangaroo
- ☞ 2. Bilby
- ☞ 3. Goanna
- ☞ 4. Kookaburra
- ☞ 5. Thorny Devil
- ☞ 6. Wombat

4. Natural disasters - part of life in Australia



- ☞ 1. Bushfires
- ☞ 2. Floods
- ☞ 3. Drought
- ☞ 4. Sandstorm
- ☞ 5. Locust plague

4. Contemporary Australian Film and Music

☞ Think of famous Australian movies, actors, music bands, musicians and other famous people you know.

5. Waltzing Matilda Song (part)

(The Unofficial Australian National Anthem)



Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong
Under the shade of a coolibah tree,
And he sang as he watched and waited 'til his billy boiled
"You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda, with me"

Chorus: Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda

"You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda, with me"
And he sang as he watched and waited 'til his billy boiled,
"You'll come a-Waltzing Matilda, with me".

Explanation:

jolly swagman - a happy tramp walking through the bush (forest)

billabong - a pool of water or waterhole (small lake)

coolibah tree - a species of eucalyptus (gum) tree

billy - a tin can (pot) to cook tea or food in

waltzing matilda - carrying a swag (a bag containing his belongings)