

ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

AUSTRALIA DAY

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HOT TOPICS

About Australia Quiz...

Q1: In rhyming slang, if someone said they were going to have a "bo-peep", what would they be doing?

(Having a sleep)

What is one other slang word you know? Teach it to your group.

Q2: Approximately how many rabbits are there in Australia today?

- A) 3 million
- B) **30 million**
- C) 300 million
- D) 3,000 million.

Q3: Which of the following is **not** an Australian invention?

- A) Hills Hoist clothesline
- B) **Lawn Sprinkler**
- C) Plastic bank notes
- D) Dual flush toilet
- E) Wine Cask

About your country...

When is your country's national day? Why is it your national day? How do you celebrate your country's national day?

Australia Day Discussion

1. Australia Day is a day when we celebrate the nation of Australia. It is a day of both celebration and remembering. We remember the arrival of the British in 1788, and we also remember the Aboriginals who have lived in Australia for 1000's of years. For Aboriginal people they call January 26 Invasion Day. What history do you know about Australia? *In threes discuss*

2. Most Australia Day activities focus on what it means to be Australian. As an international visitor to Australia – How would you describe Australians and the nation of Australia? *In pairs.*

3. How are Australians and the nation of Australia different from your country? *In different pairs*

4. What are some common important beliefs and activities that Australians share? *Whole group.*

5. What are the main religions in Australia? Do you think Australia is a 'Christian country'? Why or why not? *Whole group.*

6. What is one thing from Australia you will bring back to your country?

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