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## An A to Z of Australia

Read the clues and try to work out what the letters stand for in the "A to Z of Australia". A must be for Aussie ... or is it?

Lire et trouver les mots en fonction des indices.



**A is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

This word has been used since the 17th century to describe Australia's indigenous peoples. Most people think they live in the wild parts of Australia, but the largest number actually live in urban areas.

**B is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

This is where many people will be relaxing as you read this because in Australia it is now summer. Australia has some of the best in the world. They are part of the Australian way of life, for swimming, surfing, or simply relaxing and doing nothing.

**C is for** " \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Hunter"

This is the title of the TV series that made Steve Irwin an international celebrity. Before he died in a tragic accident in 2006, he starred in more than 200 wildlife documentaries.

**D is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

These are the most precious stones in the world. They are also the hardest known natural material that we know. Australia produces a quarter of the world's natural \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

**E is for** \_ \_ \_

This is a large bird with three toes on each foot. Although it is a bird, it can't fly. It is related to the ostrich and is not the most intelligent creature on the planet.

**F is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

This game is extremely popular in Australia, and in 2006 the national team reached the World Cup finals for the first time in 32 years.

**G is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ day

This is a very common greeting in Australia and is usually abbreviated to "g'day". Australians are friendly and like to call people "mate" (friend), so you will often hear the phrase "g'day, mate".

**H is for** H \_ \_ \_ \_ Kewell

He is Australia's best-known football player, and he currently plays for Liverpool F.C. in the English Premier League.

**I is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

A quarter of Australians are children of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ who do not have English as their mother tongue.

**J is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Cook

He was the British Captain who reached eastern Australia in 1770. The first British convicts started arriving soon afterwards, in 1788. Australia became independent from Britain in 1901.

**K is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The first is one of the animals we always associate with Australia. The other is a superstar singer who started her career on TV.

**L is for** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

English is the official one and is spoken at home by around 80 per cent of the population. The next most common languages are Chinese, Italian and Greek.

**M is for \_\_\_\_\_**

This is Australia's second largest city, and it is home to the biggest backpacker hostel in the world. The majority of the 200,000 backpackers who visit the city each year come from the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, Japan, Canada and Korea.

**N is for " \_\_ worries"**

This is a common Australian expression, which means "not a problem".

**O is for \_\_\_\_\_**

The Sydney \_\_\_\_\_ House is one of the most famous buildings in the world. It was designed by the Danish architect Jørn Utzon and opened in 1973.



**P is for \_\_\_\_\_**

It is currently around 20.6 million people, and is concentrated mainly in the large coastal cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

**Q is for \_\_\_\_\_**

This is the country's national airline and one of the oldest and safest in the world. It is often claimed that the company has never had a fatal jet crash.

**R is for \_\_\_\_\_ Crowe**

Like Nicole Kidman, he is one of Australia's most famous stars who wasn't actually born in Australia. He was born in New Zealand, while Nicole was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

**S is for \_\_\_\_\_**

Apart from being something we use to wash our hands, this is the name given to a type of television drama usually shown during the day. Neighbours and Home and Away are two examples.

**T is for \_\_\_\_\_**

Normally the eastern states of Australia are 10 hours ahead of GMT, but this alters with daylight saving. Western Australia is two hours later.

**U is for \_\_\_\_\_**

This is the official indigenous name for Ayers Rock, one of Australia's most famous natural sites. It is the largest monolith on Earth, standing 348 metres above the desert floor. It is 3.1 km from east to west, 1.9 km wide and 9.4 km around its base.

**V is for \_\_\_\_\_**

You need one of these to visit Australia. The one for visitors allows you to stay for three or six months. There is also one for international students who want to study intensive English courses.

**W is for \_\_\_\_\_**

There are 40 vineyards and wineries in McLaren Vale, which is near Adelaide. The Australian \_\_\_\_\_ industry is in fact the sixth largest in the world.

**X is for \_\_\_\_\_**

This is the abbreviation for Christmas. Australia's Christmas holiday comes in the middle of the summer, so they can only dream of a white Christmas.

**Y is for \_\_\_\_\_ hostels**

There are lots of them located throughout Australia for the budget-conscious traveller. Many of them are in surprisingly exotic settings. There are also five-star hotels for travellers with bigger budgets.

**Z is for \_\_\_\_\_ cream**

It is a fact that the sun is stronger in Australia so you need protection or you will start to burn after 15 or 20 minutes. This cream is a very good protector of the nose and cheeks and also looks very cool.

## Linguistique

A) Relire les définitions ci-dessus et souligner tous les superlatifs que vous trouverez (en français ex : le plus beau)

Que remarquez-vous?

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Quelle règle de grammaire pouvez-vous en déduire ?

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Comment diriez-vous en anglais ? How would you say in English?

1) Le plus beau pays du monde.....

2) La plus grande ville d'Australie .....

3) Les pierres les plus précieuses .....

4) C'est le meilleur livre **que j'ai jamais lu (exprimer un record : Present Perfect/ever)**

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5) C'est le plus gros Big Mac **que j'ai jamais mangé !**

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B) Dans la 1<sup>ère</sup> définition « This word has been used since the 17<sup>th</sup> century... »

A quel temps est la phrase? .....Souligner le marqueur de temps

A quel mode (actif? passif?) ..... Qu'est ce qui vous permet de le dire ?

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Traduire la phrase en français **Attention !!**

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C) Relire toutes les définitions et encadrer en rouge les verbes réguliers et en vert les verbes irréguliers Souligner les marqueurs de temps

Donner la prononciation des verbes réguliers et la base verbale et traduction des verbes irréguliers

D) A quel temps est cette phrase: You will start to burn after 15 or 20 minutes.

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**You can find the solution in the definitions of the text!**

E) Comment diriez-vous en anglais?/How would you say in English?

1) La plupart des gens .....

2) Dans toute l'Australie .....

3) Il est l'une des plus célèbres stars d'Australie

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4) C'est le monolithe le plus grand sur terre

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F) Comment diriez vous en français ?/ How would you say in French?

1) Their mother tongue .....

2) The biggest backpacker hostel in the world

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3) This is the country's national airline and one of the oldest and safest in the world

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4) Before he died in a tragic accident in 2006, he starred in more than 200 wildlife documentaries.

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## Dernier exercice /Last exercise

### Australian Slang



Read the title and text. Can you work out the meaning of the words in italics from the context. Match the words with the definitions.

The Foster family live in a suburb of Sydney in Oz. Mr Foster works as a *garbo*. He wants to win the *lotto*. Mrs Foster is the *old cheese*. She spends all her time watching *soapies* like "Home and Away" on the *idiot box*. They both like drinking *tinnies*. Mr and Mrs Foster

are Jason's *oldies*. Jason wants to *ride waves sarvo*, so he gets on the *blower* to his mates. Jason thinks riding waves is *beaut*.

**Write the words from the text that match the words below.**

1. telephone
2. parents
3. fantastic
4. TV serials
5. refuse collector
6. friends
7. mother
8. surf
9. lottery
10. this afternoon
11. cans of beer
12. television
13. Australia
14. Australian slang

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. \_\_\_\_\_
- h. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- j. \_\_\_\_\_
- k. \_\_\_\_\_
- l. \_\_\_\_\_
- m. \_\_\_\_\_
- n. \_\_\_\_\_

**Faire votre propre questionnaire sur l'Australie en utilisant 4 lettres au choix de l'alphabet :**

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