

Reading – read the article to yourself and then aloud. Try not to insert filler words such as "um", "ah," "like". Our goal

Australia Day, celebrated on January 26th, marks the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet from Britain in 1788. Before European colonizers, Australia was inhabited by Indigenous peoples with a rich history dating back over 65,000 years. Australia boasts a unique biodiversity with iconic animals like kangaroos, koalas, dingoes, wombats, and platypus. These creatures reside in diverse landscapes from the vast Outback to coastal regions. Australia is also home to the largest tropical reef system in the world, known as the Great Barrier Reef.

Australia has made significant contributions to global culture. In the realm of acting, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman stand out for their exceptional talent. While the production of the film took place in the U.S., “Finding Nemo” is set in the Pacific Ocean near Australia's Great Barrier Reef. You may recall a popular song "Down Under", released in 1981, by the Australian rock band Men at Work. This day prompts reflection on the only continent that is its own country, Australia.



Writing, spelling, & recall – Please read the questions and write the answers. You can refer to the article for help with recall and spelling as needed.

1. What does Australia Day commemorate?

2. Who inhabited Australia before European colonizers arrived? _____

3. Name two iconic animals found in Australia.

4. Describe Australia's landscapes.

5. What contributions have Australians made to global culture?



Sentence Completion & Naming to Description –

Please write the answer

1. The large marsupial with a pouch is called a _____.

2. Australia is home to the largest tropical reef system in the world, known as the _____ barrier reef.

3. Sydney, Australia, is famous for its opera _____.

4. Nicole Kidman is a famous _____ from Australia.

5. Australia is home to an adorable, cuddly looking animal who eats eucalyptus leaves, known as a _____ bear.



January 26th Australia Day

* Word fluency challenge – Let's chat about Australia a bit more. If we were to go to Australia, what could we see? Think of animals, items in nature, people, and architecture. Challenge yourself to name at least 10 items.

You can use an alphabet board or even the internet to help with word-finding by typing the first letter(s) into your search engine.

You can also describe what you are thinking using Alexa, the microphone feature on a search engine, Microsoft Bing, or openai.com.



Speech care at home



Phonological Components Analysis – Please answer the following questions about the picture.

- What is this a picture of? _____
- What sound does the word start with?
- What are other words that begin with the same sound _____

- What sound does the word end with?
- How many syllables are in the word? _____
- What words rhyme with the pictured item?





Semantic Feature Analysis

<u>What is it used for?</u>	<u>What does it look like?</u>
<u>Where do you find it?</u>	<u>What does it remind you of?</u>
<u>What does it do?</u>	<u>What category does it fall under?</u>

What is the item? _____

