

# A General Survey of English-Speaking Countries

A Guide to Australia

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• Colors of Australia





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### 1. Location

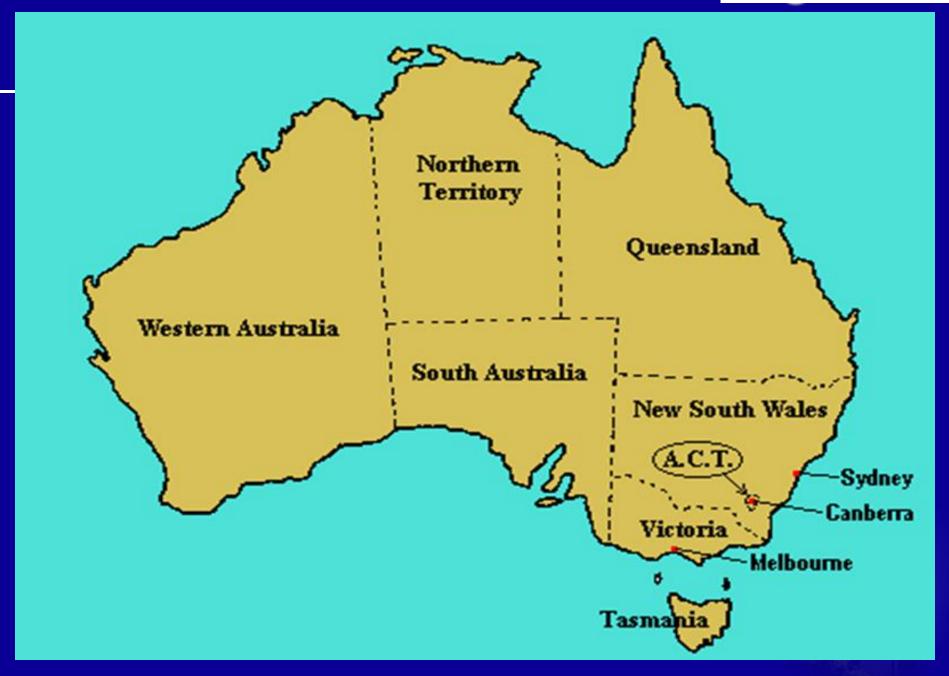
Australia lies southeast of Asia between the Indian and Pacific oceans. The name 'Australia' comes from the Latin australis meaning "of the south". For its location in the southern hemisphere, Australia is often called "the land down under" in the West.



### 2. Capital

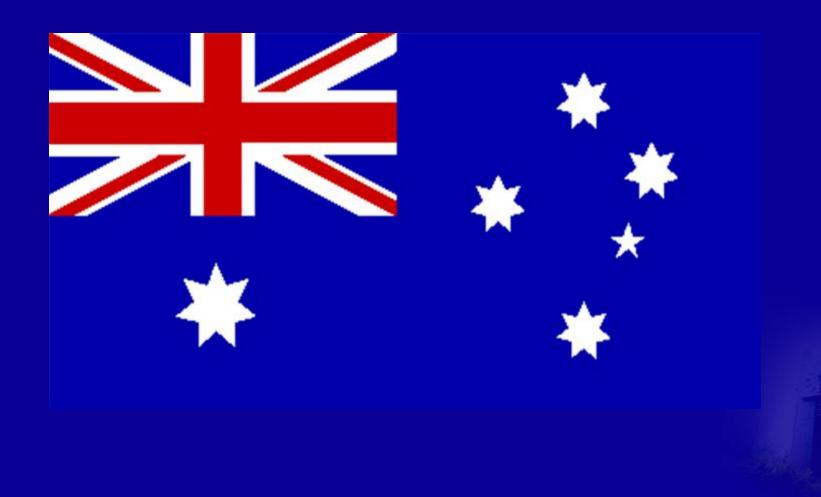
### Canberra 堪培拉

Canberra, specifically built as a capital city, is located in the Australian Capital Territory (A.C.T.) which is itself totally enclosed by the state of New South Wales.





# 3. National Flag









## 4. National Anthem

Advance Australia Fair is the official national anthem of Australia.



### Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice, For we are young and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil, Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in Nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia fair! In joyful strains then let us sing, "Advance Australia fair!"

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross, We'll toil with hearts and hands; To make this Commonwealth of ours Renowned of all the lands; For those who've come across the seas We've boundless plains to share;





## 5. Population

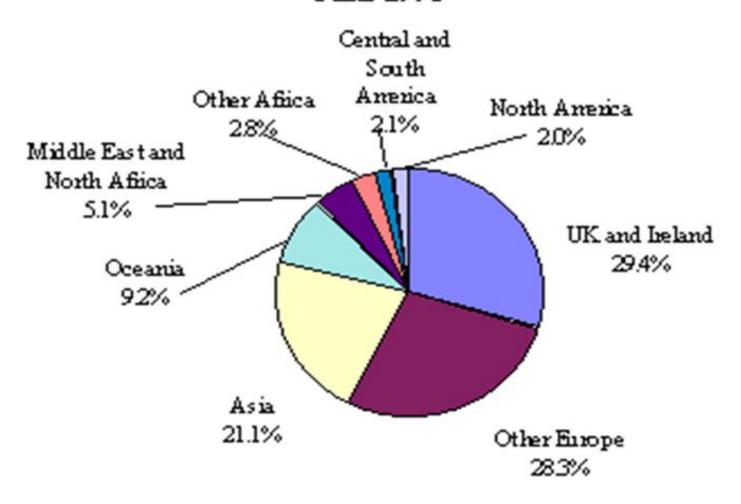
Its population, by estimation, amounted to 21 million on June 29th, 2007, 90% live in cities and major towns. Approximately 1.5% of the population is Aborigines(澳大利亚土著居民) or part Aborigines.



Australia is a country of migrants. Today, 22% of the population was born overseas; 18% of Australia-born people have at least one parent born overseas. Until the 1960s most of the migrants came from UK and Ireland but today a growing percentage come from Europe and Asia.



### Overseas-born population by region of birth June 1995





### 6. Languages

English—predominant and official language aboriginal languages—spoken by indigenous people





### Tips:

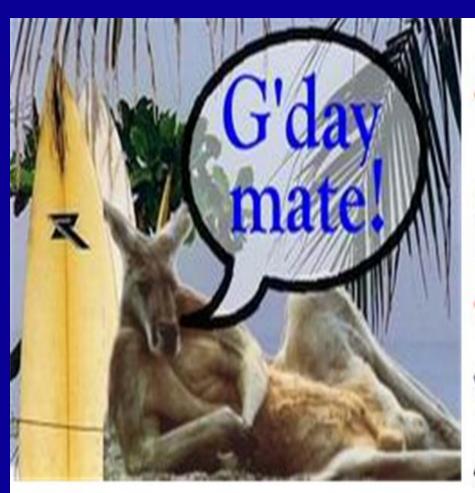
- 1.As a variety of English, Australian English has an accent similar to dialects of the <u>South-East of England</u>. Its grammar and spelling are largely the same as those of British English.
- 2. Australians use many words that they consider unique to Australian English.

  Outback (内地, 指澳大利亚等偏僻而人口稀少的地方)



3. Immigrants bring into Australia their native tongues. The most common foreign languages spoken at home are Chinese (Cantonese 1.2%, Mandarin 1.1%), Italian, and Greek.





G'DAY MATE, 'OW YER GOIN? SHE'LL BE RIGHT MATE! FAIR DINKUM YOU LITTLE RIPPER. HOWZAT?! I RECKON! **BEWDY MATE** CRIKEY! NO-BULL AUSSIE LINGOI BONZA DON'T COME H00-R00 THE RAW PRAWN RIP SNORTER W G'DONYA MATE GROG YOU LITTLE BOTTLER NO WORRIES, SON AV-A-GO-YA-MUG Chock A Block A Kangaroo loose in the top paddock TOO RIGHT!



• Aussie English





### 6. Religions

- Australia has no state religion.
- The population is primarily Christian; of those 26.6% were Catholic, 20.7% Anglican (圣公教), and 20.7% other Christian denominations. The number of people who say they have no religion is on the rise. Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism numbers are increasing.



### 7. Currency

- Australian dollar
- The notes are: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100.
- Coins: 5c,10c, 20c, 50c, \$1 and \$2





**Australian Banknotes and Coins** 



- Questions:
- 1.Which is the capital of Australia?
- A. Sydney B. Melbourne C. Canberra D. Perth

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- 2.Where do the immigrants of Australia come from nowadays?
- A. UK and Ireland B. America C. Africa D. Europe and Asia

• D.

