

Super English

Unit 8 - Lesson 1 Australia





VOCABULARY



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Evolution - Vocabulary



colonist: a member of a government-backed group that settles in a new country or region (n)



The **colonists** from Spain settled in South America in the 1500s.

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iconic: very famous or popular, especially being considered to represent particular opinions or a particular time (adj)



The gunfight was an **iconic** image of the old wild west in the US.

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sacred: considered to be holy and deserving respect, especially because of a connection with a god (n)

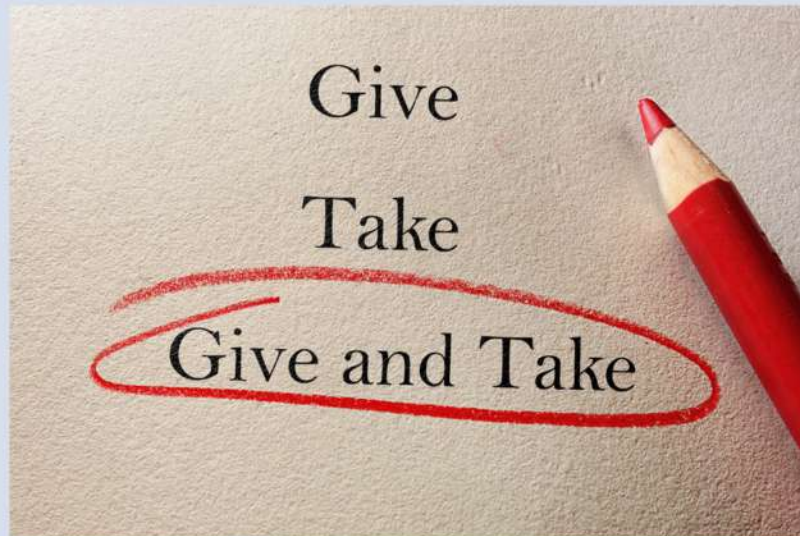


The Bible is a **sacred** book to many people around the world.

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compromise: when both sides of a disagreement give up a little so that they can agree on something (v)



The two women had to **compromise** to reach an agreement that made both sides happy.



Let's Read!

Australia



Australia is one of Earth's seven continents entirely located below the equator in the southern hemisphere of Earth. This is why it is nicknamed "the Land Down Under." Australia is also a country, making it the only land mass that is both a continent and a country. It is surrounded by the Indian and Pacific oceans and is included in the geographical region called Oceania. Oceania is a continental group consisting of 14 countries, including the Pacific islands.



Oceania includes 14 countries: Australia, Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Australia



Top: spears
Bottom: boomerangs

The first people who lived on the continent were the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples. They invented the spear and the boomerang and lived in the Outback, a desert covering about two-thirds of the land. They arrived on the continent from the Indonesian islands almost 60,000 years before the British settlers in 1776. Other **colonists** came to the country because of the discovery of gold. Today, only 2% of the population are Aborigines.

Australia



Apart from kangaroos, Australia's land is home to Tasmanian devils, wallabies, thorny dragons, koala bears, 828 species of birds, and more. And in the ocean, many people come from all over the world to visit the Great Barrier Reef, which is the largest reef system in the world. Uluru is another incredible landform that attracts many visitors every year. Uluru is a **sacred** natural formation that rises 1,100 feet tall. It is the largest rock in the world!



Tasmanian devil, thorny
dragon, the Great Barrier Reef,
and Uluru

Australia



Top: Sydney Opera House
Bottom: Sydney Harbour Bridge

Sydney is not the capital of Australia, but it is the most famous and populous city in Australia. Sydney has many attractions, such as the famous Sydney Opera House. It is an incredibly **iconic** building. Another remarkable structure is the Sydney Harbour Bridge, nicknamed The Coat Hanger, which is over 122 m (400 ft) tall and 500 m (1,640 ft) long. People can even climb up to the very top! Sydney also has incredible landscapes, beautiful beaches, nightlife, and museums.

Australia



Melbourne is the second most populous city in Australia and is considered the country's cultural capital. It is located near the southeastern tip of the country in the natural bay of Port Phillip. Melbourne has many attractions, such as the FINDER Street train station, Eureka Tower, Melbourne Museum, beautiful parks, and wonderful beaches. Its multicultural community shows in its cuisine and neighborhoods making it a great city to explore.



**FINDER Street train station,
Eureka Tower, and St. Kilda
Beach**

Australia



Top: Sydney hot air balloons
Bottom: Parliament House

Canberra is the capital city of Australia and its eighth largest city. Canberra is home to many Federal buildings, including the Parliament House, the High Court, and the War Memorial. Many people choose to see the city in a hot air balloon, giving them a fantastic view of the historical buildings. Canberra became the capital because Melbourne and Sydney kept fighting over which one of those cities should be the capital. They **compromised** and agreed to have the capital city between the two cities.



Idioms



Match the idioms to their meanings

idiom: an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words but must be learned as a whole.

A blessing in disguise

A dime a dozen

Beat around the bush

Better late than never

Something common

Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable

Better to arrive late than not to come at all

a good thing that seemed bad at first



Phonics

Phonics - Exceptions

We usually don't pronounce the final e in words, but sometimes there are exceptions to the rule. Here are 12 words that don't follow the rule.

recipe

apostrophe

catastrophe

acne

epitome

karate



sesame

posse

vigilante

cliché

fiancé

résumé

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See you
Next time!

