

Super English



Unit 8 - Lesson 1 - Australia

Vocabulary



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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)

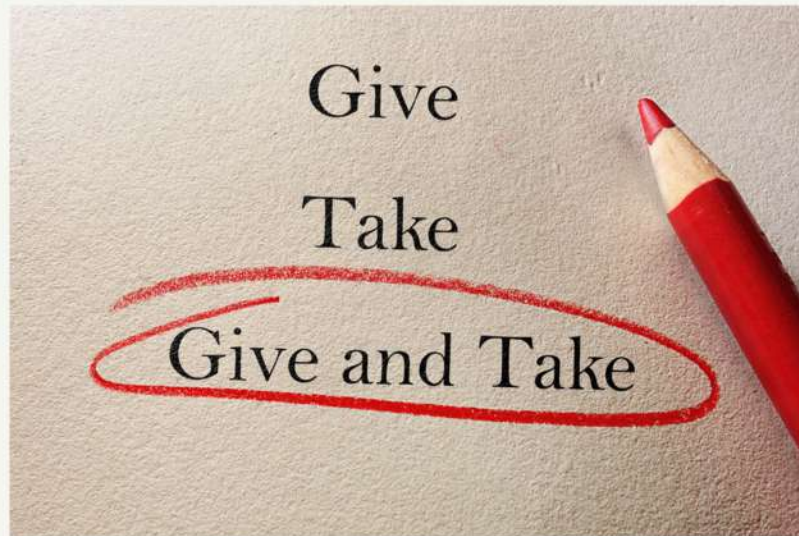


The Bible is a **sacred** book to many people around the world.

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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.

Reading



The Land Down Under

Australia is one of the seven continents and also a country, making it a rare double. Entirely in the southern hemisphere, it's nicknamed "The Land Down Under." It's surrounded by the Indian and Pacific Oceans and is part of Oceania, a region of 14 countries that includes many Pacific islands. With its deserts, rainforests, beaches, and cities, Australia is packed with extremes. From wild Outback landscapes to modern skylines, it's a place where nature and culture collide in amazing ways.



1. Why is Australia called "The Land Down Under"?
2. Which would you rather explore in Australia—the Outback or the cities?

The First Australians



1. Who were the first humans to live in Australia?
2. How do you think life was different for Aboriginal Australians 60,000 years ago compared to today?

The first people to live in Australia were the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. They arrived nearly 60,000 years ago from islands near Indonesia and developed tools like the boomerang and spear. These groups lived across the Outback, which covers about two-thirds of the land. In 1776, British settlers arrived, followed later by gold-seeking colonists. Today, only about 2% of the population is Aboriginal, but their culture, traditions, and art remain an important part of Australia's history and identity.

Grammar



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

Something common

A dime a dozen

Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is uncomfortable

Beat around the bush

Better to arrive late than not to come at all

Better late than never

a good thing that seemed bad at first

Let's Talk!



Dialogue 1 – Bridge Climb or Nah?

Ava: Would you climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

Ryan: Uh, no thanks. I'm not trying to fall into the harbor.

Ava: Come on, it's iconic! You'd see the whole city.

Ryan: Yeah, and my legs would be shaking the whole way up.

Ava: Think of the selfies at the top, though. Instant legend.

Ryan: Fine... but only if someone carries me down.

Question: Would you take the risk to climb a landmark just for a selfie?

Unlocking Word Parts



Rule 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

See you next time!

