

*Learning English Through Discussion*  
**AUSTRALIA DAY**

**Australia Day is a public holiday all around Australia. Today our discussion topic is on Australia!**

**HOT TOPICS**

**About Australia Quiz...**

**1. If someone asks you what you are doing this 'arvo'. They want to know what you are doing:**

- a. during the holidays
- b. at lunch time
- c. this afternoon

**2. If someone offers you 'a cuppa', they are offering you:**

- a. a cupboard
- b. an Australian cake
- c. a cup of tea

**3. If someone tells you to 'ava good weekend', they mean:**

- a. be careful because bad weather is forecast
- b. drive carefully
- c. have a good weekend

Q 4. Look at the Aussie Icons (famous things of Australia) and try and name each one.

**About your country...**

When is your country's national day? Why is it your national day? How do you celebrate your country's national day?

**Australia Day Discussion**

1. Australia Day is a day when we celebrate the nation of Australia. It is a day of both celebration and remembering. We remember the arrival of the British in 1788, and we also remember the Aboriginals who have lived in Australia for 1000's of years. For Aboriginal people they call January 26 Invasion Day. What history do you know about Australia?
2. Most Australia Day activities focus on what it means to be Australian. As an international visitor to Australia – How would you describe Australians and the nation of Australia?
3. How are Australians and the nation of Australia different from your country?
4. What are some common important beliefs and activities that Australians share?
5. What are the main religions in Australia? Do you think Australia is a 'Christian country'? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing from Australia you will bring back to your country?