

AUSTRALIA DAY TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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General trivia questions about Australia.

1> Who was known as the "Philanthropist and Father of the Theatre in Victoria"?

- a. George Coppin
- b. Davy Jones
- c. James Ruse
- d. Francis Greenway

2> Who was Australia's first Prime Minister in 1901?

- a. Edmund Barton
- b. Alfred Deakin
- c. Chris Watson
- d. George Reid

3> The Jarra Forest can be found in which Australian state?

- a. Queensland
- b. Western Australia
- c. South Australia
- d. Victoria

4> Responsible for the design of Sydney's Supreme Court building, Francis Greenway was originally transported to Australia for what crime?

- a. Murder
- b. Robbery
- c. Forgery
- d. Assault

5> I was the first woman to be elected to the Australian House of Reps in 1943.
Who am I?

- a. Elizabeth Blackburn
- b. Caroline Chisholm
- c. Dame Enid Lyons
- d. Elizabeth Kenny

6> Australia's third-largest island, Kangaroo Island, can be found Off the Coast of which state?

- a. South Australia
- b. Queensland
- c. Victoria
- d. Western Australia

7> Who was the first European known to have sighted Norfolk Island in 1774?

- a. William Charles Wentworth
- b. Captain James Cook
- c. Charles Sturt
- d. Sir Douglas Mawson

8> A convict on the Third Fleet, who became Australia's first Postmaster in 1809?

- a. James Ruse
- b. Isaac Nichols
- c. John Macarthur
- d. Andrew Thomas

9> What is the most easterly point on mainland Australia?

- a. Cape York
- b. Steep Point
- c. Cape Byron
- d. South Point

10> Australian mainstream TV transmission began in which year?

- a. 1946
- b. 1966

- c. 1956
- d. 1960

11> Which premier express luxury train started running between Melbourne and the border of Albury in 1937?

- a. The Spirit of Albury
- b. The Spirit of Australia
- c. The Spirit of Progress
- d. The Spirit of Melbourne

12> Named after Maria Ann Smith, the Granny Smith green apple originated in Australia. In which year did it make its first appearance?

- a. 1868
- b. 1898
- c. 1888
- d. 1908

13> Known as the only successful armed takeover of government in Australia's history, which officer led the Rum Rebellion?

- a. William Bligh
- b. Major George Johnston
- c. John Macarthur
- d. Major-General Lachlan Macquarie

14> On which river is the city of Devonport located?

- a. Mersey River
- b. Murray River
- c. Flinders River
- d. Murrumbidgee River

15> created in honour of Anna Pavlova, who claimed they created the dessert Pavlova in 1935?

- a. Keith Money
- b. Bert Sachse
- c. Helen Leach
- d. Matthew Evans

Answers:

- 1> George Coppin - George Coppin was a comedian, who starred in parts including Paul Pry, Bob Acres, and Lancelot Gobbo.
- 2> Edmund Barton - Edmund died from heart failure 7 January 1920 at the age of 70.
- 3> Western Australia - The region has been split into Northern Jarrah Forest and Southern Jarrah Forest.
- 4> Forgery - Francis died at the age of 59 of Typhoid fever.
- 5> Dame Enid Lyons - Lyons was made a Dame of the Order of Australia on Australia Day in 1980. A year before she died.
- 6> South Australia - Kangaroo Island's closest point to the mainland is eight miles off Cape Jervis.
- 7> Captain James Cook - Together with two neighbouring islands, Norfolk Island forms one of Australia's external territories.
- 8> Isaac Nichols - Nichols was transported to Australia for seven years in 1790 for theft.
- 9> Cape Byron - Cape Byron houses one of the last 19th-century Victorian era lighthouses.
- 10> 1956 - The first transmission was introduced by Bruce Gyngell with the words 'Good evening, and welcome to television'.
- 11> The Spirit of Progress - In April 1962, the Spirit of Progress began going to Sydney.
- 12> 1868 - The apple has a light green skin and a crisp, juicy flesh.
- 13> Major George Johnston - 26 January 1808 - 1 January 1810.
- 14> Mersey River - Devonport is the major regional centre of the northwestern part of Tasmania.
- 15> Bert Sachse - Bert claimed he created the dish at the Esplanade Hotel in Perth, Australia in 1935.