

# BASIC AUSTRALIAN KNOWLEDGE QUIZ



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- 1> As of 2012, Australia's population was approximately how many people?
- 2> What island country lies to the south-east?
- 3> On what date was the federation of the colonies achieved?
- 4> What is the currency of Australia?
- 5> The name Australia is derived from the Latin word "Australis". What does it translate to?
- 6> What is the capital of Australia?
- 7> What is the national language of Australia?
- 8> Which of the following animals can only be found in Australia - Platypus, Red Panda or Sloth?
- 9> Which of the following is not an Australian state - Queensland, South Australia or North Australia?
- 10> How many mainland territories does Australia have?
- 11> As of 2012, what is the largest city in Australia by population?
- 12> What are the national colors of Australia?
- 13> What is Australia's national motto?
- 14> The Australian Senate (the upper house), has how many senators?
- 15> Australia has the greatest number of reptiles of any country. Approximately, how many species can be found there?

## Answers:

- 1> 23 Million - The population is greatly concentrated in the Eastern states.
- 2> New Zealand - New Zealand is located 1,500 kilometres (900 mi) south-east of Australia.
- 3> January 1st, 1901 - Australia became a dominion of the British Empire in 1907.
- 4> Dollar - Represented as AUD.
- 5> Southern - The earliest record of the use of the word Australia is in 1625.
- 6> Canberra - Australia is the world's 13th-largest economy.
- 7> English - Australia does not have an official language.
- 8> Platypus - Males are larger than females.
- 9> North Australia - Each Australian state has its own parliament.
- 10> 2 - Australia has two mainland territories, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
- 11> Sydney - The second largest is Melbourne.
- 12> Green and gold - Introduced by Sir Ninian Stephen, the Governor-General of Australia on 19 April 1984.
- 13> Advance Australia - A country motto is used to depict the intent or motivation of the country in a short phrase.
- 14> 76 - Twelve from each state and two from the mainland territories.
- 15> 755 - Australian forests are chiefly made up of evergreen species.

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