

Campsite Challenges



THE TRUE-BLUE AUSSIE

OUTBACK TRAVEL GAME

These 5 challenges are for You!

They are for groups camping or travelling 'On the Wallaby'.

They are challenging but fun general knowledge brainstorming activities.



Australia by Alphabet Challenge

- The Oracle reads the instructions below to the group.
- The Quiz Master or Oracle calls “start” and starts the hour glass running.
- He asks the group for the name of a town, city, state, river, mountain, lake, island or highway starting with the letter A.
- Someone might call out Adelaide. The Oracle writes Adelaide on his sheet next to A. To be accepted, all must be places in Australia and must be fairly well known.
- The Oracle goes through the alphabet writing down the name of one place for each letter that was suggested by the group and accepted by the Oracle.
- Individuals from the group can call “pause” if they feel too much time is being wasted on any answer.
- When the hour glass runs out the Oracle tallies up the group score out of 26 and shares it with the group.
- This challenge is a fun way to share general knowledge.



Celebrity Wildlife

A person out front knows what wildlife species they are, but the people around the camp fire do not. The role of the Quiz Master or Oracle is to read out the list of suggested yes/no questions at the very start of the challenge.



People around the camp fire one at a time, repeat those questions in a way that means that they can only be answered with “yes” or “no” answers or sometimes with “I don't know”. We suggest a maximum of 2 guesses per person.

Their answers will, by a process of elimination, make it easier for someone around the campfire to guess what animal they are. They can guess by asking the person out front “Are you a?”


Below are some suggested questions	Possible animals to choose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are you nocturnal?• Do you live in trees?• Are you a herbivore? (a plant eater).• Are you a carnivore? (a meat eater)• Do you fly?• Do you live in water?• Do you live in fresh water?• Are you a bird?• Are you a Marsupial• Are you a reptile?• Are you venomous?• Are you endangered?• Are you extinct?• Do you have 2 legs?• Do you have 4 legs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wombat• Bilby• Kangaroo• Platypus• Echidna• Dingo• Emu• Cassowary• Goanna• Dugong• Tiger snake• Tasmanian Devil• Tasmanian Tiger• Freshwater Crocodile• Wedge Tailed Eagle• Koala

Celebrity Landmarks Challenge

The audience does not know what landmark the person out front is. They have to ask questions of them which can have only Yes/No Answers. Their answers will, by a process of elimination, make it easier to guess what the mystery landmark is.

When someone has a guess, they should ask “Are you a?”

If they are correct they become the next celebrity landmark on the list.

Below are some suggested questions	Possible animals to choose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you a man-made landmark? • Are you a natural landmark? • Are you a building? • Are you a bridge? • Are you a sporting venue? • Are you a music or cultural venue? • Are you in New South Wales? • Are you in Sydney? <p>(Can be other states and territories)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you a National Park? • Are you a town? • Are you a mountain, a mountain range, a river, a lake, a coral reef, an island or a desert? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney Harbour Bridge • Bondi Beach • The Opera House • Seven Sisters Lookout • The 12 Apostles • MCG • Uluru • Kakadu • The Nullarbor Plain • Fraser Island • Simpson Desert • Great Barrier Reef • Mount Kosciusko • The Grampians • The Great Dividing Range • Parliament House Canberra • Lake Eyre • Broome • Cairns • Tasmania • Surfers Paradise • The MacDonnell Ranges

Stone the Crows

This old expression used for expressing surprise fits this challenge nicely. The Quiz Master or Oracle will read the names of 4 Aussie places. 3 of them have one thing in common but the 4th is different from the rest.

The challenge for the group is to work out which of the 4 is the odd one out. The Oracle will give their answer either the thumbs up or the thumbs down as their answer. They will also give the group their overall score at the end of challenge 10.



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STONE THE CROWS 1.

Your 4 choices are: Eyre, Torrens, Burley Griffin, Gairdner.

ANSWER: The answer is Burley Griffin.

All are natural lakes but Burley Griffin is man-made.

STONE THE CROWS 2.

Your 4 choices are: St Helens, Deloraine, Ringarooma, Leonora.

ANSWER: First 3 are in Tassie but Leonora is in Western Australia.

STONE THE CROWS 3.

Your 4 choices are: Eucla, Karumba, Mundrabilla, Cocklebidy.

ANSWER: Karumba is on the Gulf of Carpentaria but the rest are on the Great Australian Bight.

STONE THE CROWS 4.

Your 4 choices are: Timber Creek, Tennant Creek, Barrow Creek, Dandenong Creek.

ANSWER: Timber Creek is on The Victoria Highway.

The others are on the Stuart Highway and Dandenong Creek is just east of Melbourne.

STONE THE CROWS 5.

Your 4 choices are: Eden, Tathra, Bega, Mallacoota.

ANSWER: Mallacoota is in Victoria whilst the other towns are in NSW.

STONE THE CROWS 6.

Your 4 choices are: King, Kangaroo, Flinders, Cape Barren.

ANSWER: All are islands. The last 3 are in Bass Strait.

Kangaroo Island is near Adelaide.

STONE THE CROWS 7.

Your 4 choices are: Swan Hill, Mildura, Yarrawonga, Hay.

ANSWER: Hay is a NSW town on the Murrumbidgee River.

The other towns are in Victoria and are on the Murray.

STONE THE CROWS 8.

Your 4 choices are: Ulladulla, Geraldton, Townsville, Byron Bay.

The other towns are on Australia's east coast.

STONE THE CROWS 9.

Your 4 choices are: Kakadu, Gibson, Great Victoria, Simpson.

ANSWER: Kakadu is a National Park. The other 3 are deserts.

STONE THE CROWS 10.

Your 4 choices are: Indian, Southern, Pacific, Arafura.

ANSWER: The first 3 are oceans to the west, south and east of Australia.

The Arafura is a sea to Australia's north.

WHAT THE HECK is it?

In this challenge the Oracle reads out to the group the names of 4 Aussie places that share something in common. The challenge for the group is to brainstorm **WHAT THE HECK** it is.

The Quiz Master or Oracle will give each answer brainstormed by the group either the thumbs up or the thumbs down. At the end he or she will also reveal their total score out of 10.

WHAT THE HECK 1.

The 4 places are: White Cliffs, Andamooka, Lightning Ridge, Coober Pedy.

ANSWER: All are opal mining communities

WHAT THE HECK 2.

The 4 places are: Dirk Hartog, Kangaroo, Gabo, Barrow.

ANSWER: All islands are off the Australian coast.

WHAT THE HECK 3.

The 4 places are: Woodroffe, Bartle Frere, Ossa, Meharry.

ANSWER: Mt Woodroffe is in South Australia, Mt Bartle Frere is in Queensland,

Mt Ossa is in Tassie and Mt Meharry is in Western Australia.

They are all the highest mountains in their states.

WHAT THE HECK 4.

The 4 places are: Broken Hill, Newman, Mount Isa, Cobar.

ANSWER: They are all inland mining towns.

WHAT THE HECK 5.

The 4 places are: Oenpelli, Lockhart River, Nhulunbuy, Borroloola.

ANSWER: All are First Nation Communities.

WHAT THE HECK 6.

The 4 places are: Broome, Alice Springs, Cairns, The Gold Coast.

ANSWER: They are all mainly tourist towns.

WHAT THE HECK 7.

The 4 places are: Newman, Tom Price, Pannawonica, Paraburdoo.

ANSWER: All are Iron Ore mining communities in the Pilbara in Western Australia.

WHAT THE HECK 8.

The 4 places are: Menindee, Bourke, Wilcannia, Louth.

ANSWER: All are towns on the Darling River.

WHAT THE HECK 9.

The 4 places are: Alice Springs, Rockhampton, Newman, Barcaldine.

ANSWER: All are near the Tropic of Capricorn.

WHAT THE HECK 10.

The 4 places are: Tailem Bend, Swan Hill, Echuca, Yarrawonga.

ANSWER: They are all towns along the Murray River.

