

Onya Wallaby

QUIZZES 41 - 50



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A QUESTION & ANSWER booklet

Please note: For Quizzes 41 to 50 below we have put the answers at the bottom of the questions so it becomes a Q and A booklet.

You will also notice that throughout the questions we have inserted some short, 'Kids ONLY' Questions. These questions will mean that if kids are on family teams they will have a key role to play.

The number of questions per quiz has been increased to ensure that players and teams have sufficient scoring opportunities to get close to the finish line before the Jumping Jack questions and the Aussie yarns kick in.

We have again used the images of wallabies between quizzes to make it clear where one quiz ends and the next quiz begins. Like so...



THE QUIZZES

Below is a list of quizzes to choose from.

Each quiz ends with some ‘Travel terms jocularity’.

See example below.

Travel Terms Jocularity

“G’day mate, did you have a good holiday?”

“Yes thanks, we did lots of KD!”

“What’s KD?”

“It’s Kimberley Dreaming.”

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QUIZ 41

Onya Wallaby - Highways

John Williamson has spent a lot of time in the Outback, which features strongly in many of his songs. In this quiz we refer to him as 'JW'.



Australian Highway – Photo: Photoholgic - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Like an American, sister and brother singing duo

I turn off the Stuart highway at Daly Waters and head east north east towards Borroloola. I am the what Highway?

ANSWER: I am the Carpentaria Highway. The sometimes smooth waters of the Gulf are a bit like the superbly smooth singing voice of Karen Carpenter.

QUESTION 2: To 'The Isa'

I link Tennant Creek and Mount Isa. What highway am I?

ANSWER: I am the Barkly Highway because I cross the Barkly Tablelands.

QUESTION 3: Due North

I am a north/south link between Wentworth and what well known mining town?

ANSWER: I am the Silver City Highway! I get my name from Broken Hill.

Kids Only QUESTION

What Australian state was once known as the 'Apple Isle'?

ANSWER: Tasmania.

QUESTION 4: A bit rough

I run north west from Central Australia's Stuart Highway into Western Queensland.
What highway am I?

ANSWER: I am the Plenty Highway. A trip along this route no doubt provides 'plenty' of opportunities to further explore the Outback.

QUESTION 5: To the Gulf

I travel east to the Gulf from Mataranka. I follow a well-known river. What am I?

ANSWER: I am the Roper Highway. To some I am also known at the 'Savannah Way'.

QUESTION 6: East then north east

I am the back road from Halls Creek to Kununurra. I am what highway?

ANSWER: I am the Victoria Highway, although I am not related to Victoria.

Kids Only QUESTION

What bay is Melbourne located on?

ANSWER: Port Phillip Bay.

QUESTION 7: An important link

I follow a circular route to the south and too the east of Gregory National Park. You call me?

ANSWER: I go by two different names depending on what map you use. To some, I am the Buchanan Highway. To others, I am the Buntine Highway or Buntine Way.

QUESTION 8: Plenty of distance

Name one of two east west highways starting with P or S that take you from Central Australia to Western Queensland.

ANSWER: That would be first the Plenty Highway followed by the Sandover Highway.

QUESTION 9: Named after a dreamer

I can take you from the Stuart Highway west to Uluru and Yulara.
My name starts with L.

ANSWER: I am the Lasseter Highway.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or False? When an Australian says 'Bugger off' they mean 'welcome'.

ANSWER: False. Politely put, 'bugger off' means 'go away'.

QUESTION 10: Fields of?

As a highway, I can take you from Kalgoorlie north to Wiluna. I am named after something that most people are searching for in that area. My name is one word starting with G.

ANSWER: I am the Goldfields Highway.

One of the world's biggest open cut goldmines is nearby.

QUESTION 11: Not called a highway

I am as important as a highway. I am a popular tourist route from Derby to Kununurra. My initials are GRR!

ANSWER: I am the long and often badly corrugated Gibb River Road.

QUESTION 12: Crossed by the Tropic of Capricorn

I take you to the north of Western Australia. I pass through a mining town beginning with N and the town believed to be the hottest town in Australia. What is my full name?

ANSWER: I am the Great Northern Highway. My direction gives my name away.

Kids Only QUESTION

Australians Ken Rosewall, Rod Laver, John Newcombe, Margaret Court and Tony Roche were all champions in the same era in which sport?

ANSWER: Tennis.

QUESTION 13: Destination Borroloola

You are on route from Camooweal to Borroloola via the Barkly Highway.
At Barkly Homestead Roadhouse you turn right down what highway to Cape Crawford?
Clues: It starts with T. A piece of furniture.

ANSWER: Yes, its the Tablelands Highway.

QUESTION 14: True or false? (Answer either)

You are likely to see a few Aquila Audax along the Eyre Highway?
In Tasmania, the Midland Highway connects Queenstown and Norfolk?

ANSWER: True - you will see Aquila Audax or Wedge Tailed Eagles along the Nullabor.
Secondly, Tassie's Midland Highway connects Hobart and Launceston.
That means the second statement is false.

QUESTION 15: Beginning with

Name an Aussie Highway beginning with E, H, N or P.

ANSWER: The Eyre Highway, The Hume Highway, The Newell Highway,
The Pacific Highway, The Princes Highway.

Kids Only QUESTION

In the song 'Bill the cat' what did his whole family regret doing?

Hint: Leaving his balls with the Family 'what?'
It is a word starting with V.

ANSWER: With the 'Family Vet'.

Travel Terms Jocularly

"Hey mate did you have a good holiday?"

"Yes thanks, we did a ATN tour!"

"What's a ATN tour?"

"It's short for Across the Nullarbor Tour!

It's the real Australia!"

Stimulate your curiosity!



QUIZ 42

Onya Wallaby - Islands Galore

Australia has some special islands which are definitely worth adding to a bucket list. Here are some examples. According to Dr Google, Queensland has the greatest number of islands in Australia.



The Whitsunday Islands – Photo: Rondell Herriot - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Wild beauty

The 2 largest islands in Bass Strait are both popular holiday venues. Aim to name at least one.

ANSWER: Flinders Island and King Island.

QUESTION 2: Named after a flock of birds or vice-versa!

What nearby island is named after a unique Tasmanian bird?

ANSWER: Cape Barren Island.

QUESTION 3: Tip of the iceberg!

True or false? A Mountain Range, a Mountain, a Town, a University and two islands have been named after Matthew Flinders in Southern Australia?

ANSWER: True.

Kids Only QUESTION

In what sport was Australian Ian Thorpe a champion?

ANSWER: Swimming.

QUESTION 4: His ship?

Was Flinder's ship named the Endeavour, The Bounty, the Sydney Cove, the Norfolk or the Investigator?

ANSWER: It was the aptly named The Investigator.

QUESTION 5: A woman's name

Name an island in Tasmania which is popular with tourists and which bears a woman's name.

ANSWER: Maria Island.

QUESTION 6: WPB

What bay in Victoria has an island which was discovered by George Bass on his 1798 whaleboat journey south from Sydney?

ANSWER: Western Port Bay.

Kids Only QUESTION

How many Australian coins are there?

ANSWER: Six

QUESTION 7: WPB again

Western Port Bay has a second island. Its name is jumbled up below.
Can you guess what it is? **Enfrhc**. Clue: They do not eat either frogs or snails there.

ANSWER: French Island.

QUESTION 8: Weather station

Near the Victorian and New South Wales border is an island well known for its weather reports and its Lighthouse. The letters of its name have been mixed up. They are **abog**. What is its name?

ANSWER: Gabo Island.

QUESTION 9: Convict colony

What island off the coast off New South Wales is significant in our history firstly as a convict colony for repeat offenders and secondly as a new home for the descendants of the Bounty Mutineers? What is my name? It starts with N.

ANSWER: Norfolk Island.

Kids Only QUESTION

In what sport was Australian Cathy Freeman an Olympic champion?

ANSWER: Athletics.

QUESTION 10: A volcanic island

What am I? I am a tourist island North East of Sydney in the Pacific Ocean.
I am part of New South Wales. I am a volcanic island. My initials are LHI. I am?

ANSWER: Lord Howe Island.

QUESTION 11: Biggest in the world!

Queensland has the biggest sand island on earth. Its name is?

ANSWER: Fraser Island.

QUESTION 12: Halfway House

Half way between Australia and New Zealand is an island in the Tasman Sea. It was once a penal colony and more recently a home to the descendants of the Bounty Mutineers.

ANSWER: Norfolk Island.

Kids Only QUESTION

Is a 'Blue Tongue' a bird, a mammal or a reptile?

ANSWER: A reptile.

QUESTION 13: Just off the coast! (3 points for one and 6 points for both)

What North Queensland island and National Park near Cardwell starting with H is popular with bush walkers and backpackers?

I am attracted to iron and steel. My name starts with M. I am near Townsville.

ANSWER: Hinchinbrook and Magnetic Islands.

QUESTION 14: Reptile paradise

For what reptile are the islands of the Great Barrier Reef an important breeding ground?
Your choices are Goannas, Turtles, Crocodiles and Pythons.

ANSWER: Turtles

QUESTION 15: Down South (3 points for one and 6 points for both)

We are two Australian islands deep in the Southern Ocean. We are well south of Hobart.
Can you name at least one of us?

ANSWER: Heard Island and Macquarie Island.

Travel Terms Jocularity

“Did you have a beaut holiday mate?”

“Yes thanks, we had a FAAT tour!”

“What’s a FAAT tour?”

“It’s a Flat as a Tack tour across the Nullarbor!

It was just like in that film ‘The Castle’.

You had to feel the serenity!”



Inspire future travel plans

QUIZ 43

Onya Wallaby - A Good Read

Reading contemporary or classic Australian literature while on the Wallaby can be a good way of getting a feel for the country you are travelling through. This quiz is about some of these books and their authors.



Knowledge Base – Photo: Pierre Bamin - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: My book

I was a First Australian author. I wrote a book in 2002 about events in my early life in Western Australia. It was made into a film. It involved a very long walk for me and my sisters along a fence line. Most Australians know it as what?

ANSWER: Rabbit proof fence.

QUESTION 2: A well-known writer

I am from Tassie. I have written some well-known books and have won some top Literature Awards.

Some of my books include 'The Narrow Road to the Deep north', 'Death of a River Guide' and 'the Sound of one hand clapping'. My initials are RF.

ANSWER: My name is Richard Flanagan.

QUESTION 3: AF

My autobiography is about the frontier life of a sheep farmer and surviving Gallipoli. My name is AB Facey and my book is called what? A Good Life, a Fortunate Life, a Happy Life or a Funny Life?

ANSWER: It was called 'A Fortunate Life'.

Kids Only QUESTION

Is this Fact or Fiction? I wrote the very popular kid's books featuring the Bushland characters known as Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot. My name was May Gibbs.

ANSWER: This is a fact.

QUESTION 4: Our family

Our family emigrated to NSW from Ireland, farmed sheep near Goulburn before moving to Thargomindah in Southern Queensland. Later on, we moved to the Kimberley. My books covering that period were called 'Kings in Grass Castles' and 'Sons in the Saddles'. Our family name is what? Is it the Duracks, the Howards, The Andrews or the Gillards?

ANSWER: This is the well-known Kimberley family 'The Duracks'.
My name is Mary Durack.

QUESTION 5: My book

My name is Colin Thiele. I wrote a book in 1976 which was later made into a film. It was set in the Coorong in South Australia. The book and film was called what?

ANSWER: The book and the film were both called 'Storm Boy'.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? In Waltzing Matilda, the old Swaggie jumped into the Billabong drowning himself by the Coolabah tree.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 6: Who am I?

I am a contemporary author. I am a strong advocate for preserving our oceans.
I am from Western Australia. Some of my books include Cloud Street and Dirt Music.
My initials are TW. Who am I?

ANSWER: My name is Tim Winton.

QUESTION 7: My Book

It was written in 1908. It was about my experiences at Elsey Station in the Northern Territory. Its title can be abbreviated down to the letters of WOTNN. What is it?

ANSWER: My title is 'We of the Never Never'

QUESTION 8: Who am I?

I am a well-known Australian author. I am perhaps best known for my book 'Schindler's Ark' which was made into a film called 'Schindlers List' by Stephen Spielberg. I also wrote a book set out the back of Bourke called 'The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith'. My initials are TK. I am?

ANSWER: I am Thomas Kenneally.

QUESTION 9: Shipwrecks

The Australian coastline has produced many shipwreck mysteries since the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788. One example was the saga of the Sydney Cove in 1797. Seventeen crew members trekked 400 miles from the 90 Mile beach in Gippsland to the settlement of Sydney. Their story is told in the book the 'Wreck of the Sydney Cove' by Max Jeffries'. It is a good read. How many of the 17, do you think survived and made it all the way to Port Jackson? Your choices are 1,3,5 or 7.

ANSWER: The records show that only 3 survived!

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? The character called 'Blinky Bill' was created by Australian author and illustrator Dorothy Wall in 1933.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 10: Who am I?

I wrote the book 'Over the Range' in 1937. I worked in rural New South Wales, especially Narrabri and Moree. 'Over the Range' is about accompanying a North West mounted police patrol through the Kimberley for over 1200 kilometres. Your task is to name me. Your 4 choices are:

- A:** Ion Idriess
- B:** Alfred Adams
- C:** Albert Facey
- D:** A.C. Gregory

ANSWER: It is **A**, Ion Idriess. I wrote several books about early life in rural Australia.

QUESTION 11: Paul Caffyn

In 1982, Paul Caffyn became the first person to circumnavigate Australia in a sea kayak. The book about this 360 day trip is an ideal read while holidaying in the Australian wilderness. Your question is, what is his book called?

- A:** 'Dreamtime Voyage'
- B:** 'All in a Day's Paddling'
- C:** 'I did it'
- D:** 'In 360 days'

ANSWER: It is **A**, 'Dreamtime Voyage'.

QUESTION 12: A prolific author

Can you name him? He edited and introduced 'The Explorers', 'The life and adventures of William Buckley' and 'Terra Australis: Matthew Flinders, Great adventures in the Circumnavigation of Australia'. He also edited and wrote several other books. These include 'Mammals of New Guinea', 'Watkin Tench 1788', 'We are the weather makers' and 'The Future Eaters'. He is a Palaeontologist. His initials are TF. He is?

ANSWER: His name is Professor Tim Flannery.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? Children's book 'Diary of a Wombat' was written by Australian author Jackie French.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 13: Australian Geographic

Who founded Australian Geographic Magazine in 1987? His initials are DS.

ANSWER: His name is Dick Smith. He was the founder of Dick Smith Electronics, a high-profile helicopter pilot and a regular contributor to 'Australia All Over' on ABC radio on Sunday mornings.

QUESTION 14: Map reading

True or False? Hema produce a good road atlas suitable for map reading and trip planning.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 15: Terra Australis

Who wrote the book called 'A Voyage to Terra Australis'?

ANSWER: This book was written by Matthew Flinders.
He died the day after it was published.

Travel Terms Jocularly

“Did you have a good holiday mate?”

“Yes thanks, we did a KP!”

“What’s a KP?”

“Have a guess! It’s something every
Aussie should do once in a life time!

It’s a Kakadu Pilgrimage!

It makes you feel totally down under!”



QUIZ 44

Onya Wallaby - Awesome Wildlife



Juvenile and parent Kookaburras – Photo: Steve Franklin - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: I am nocturnal

I am the only marsupial with a backward facing pouch. We once were three species but one species has disappeared. We often get run over by cars. I do a lot of digging. My nickname is Wally. My names are the Common and the Southern Hairy Nosed what?

ANSWER: Wombat

QUESTION 2: Girt by Sea tour

On a 'Girt by Sea' tour of the Australian Coastline, a keen observer might be lucky and see up to 6 different species of marine mammals. Most have 2 or 3 part names. Can you give the full name of 3? (Earn 2 points for each). Their initials are AFS, ASL, BD, SC, HBW, SRW and O or KW.

ANSWER: Australian Fur Seal, Australian Sea Lion, Bottle Nose Dolphin, Sea Cow or Dugong, Humpback Whale, Southern Right Whale and finally the ORCA or Killer Whale.

QUESTION 3: Puggles

A puggle is the name for the babies of what two Australian animals?

Clue: We are both monotremes and appear on Australian coins.

ANSWER: The Platypus and the Echidna.

Kids Only QUESTION

What popular Aussie bird has a good laugh every morning and every night? Your choices are Crows, Kookaburras or Magpies.

ANSWER: Kookaburras.

QUESTION 4: Fastest?

Below are the names of 5 'Birds of prey'. Which one is supposed to be the fastest bird on the planet? The Osprey, the Peregrine Falcon, the White Breasted Sea Eagle, the Kestrel or the Little Eagle?

ANSWER: It is the Peregrine Falcon! It dives on other birds below it usually from a great height. In these dives it goes very fast.

QUESTION 5: Which am I?

Below is the common name of a species of bird, a bat, a reptile, an amphibian and a marsupial. Your challenge is to name one and name what type of animal it is. One guess per player or per team.

The Spotted Cuscus, the Tasmanian Pipistrelle, the Pobblebonk, the Perenti and the Plains Wanderer.

ANSWER: The Spotted Cuscus is a Marsupial, the Tasmanian Pipistrelle is a microbat or a mammal, the Pobblebonk is a frog, the Perenti is a desert Goanna and the Plains Wanderer is a bird.

QUESTION 6: We are comedians

We sit quietly on a branch looking at the ground for food then we fly down from above and stab it with our beak. We gather together in one tree in the morning and near dark. As a family of birds we laugh loudly together every morning and every night to claim our territory. Our name starts with K.

ANSWER: We are the Kookaburra. Like many other Australian birds we have other common names. This includes the Jackass.

Kids Only QUESTION

What group of Aussie birds fly silently at night when hunting?
Your choices are Owls, Crows, Kookaburras or Magpies.

ANSWER: Owls.

QUESTION 7: 'Crikey'!

Name the now deceased Australian TV personality who often used the Aussie word 'crikey' when handling wildlife (especially crocodiles)?

ANSWER: He was the high-profile Australian Steve Irwin, who was perhaps better known overseas than in Australia.

QUESTION 8: Better than a chocolate rabbit!

I am a small Marsupial. I am popular at Easter when I come in chocolate. My name starts with B.

ANSWER: The Bilby.

QUESTION 9: Choose two

Which two of the following animal species would not be appropriate to name an Australian sporting team after? The Lemurs, The Sugar Gliders, The Potaroos, The Dunnarts, The Sloths.

ANSWER: The Lemurs, because they are African and not Australian, and not The Sloths because they are from South America and they are thought not to be very energetic.

Kids Only QUESTION

What popular Aussie bird has various names including the 'Bushman's Clock'? Your choices are Crows, Kookaburras or Magpies.

ANSWER: Kookaburras, because their morning and evening chorus remind bushman it is time to get up or time to go to bed.

QUESTION 10: A very Aussie bird

I am a small black and white Australian bird. My initials are WW. I like open areas where I can dance across the ground and up and down from low branches of bushes and trees.

ANSWER: I am the Willy Wagtail.

QUESTION 11: An Outback feast

On an isolated Outback road two English backpackers witnessed a wildlife spectacle involving a dead camel. In 30 minutes the following species had a free feed. 1 Dingo, a fox, 2 feral cats, 9 Crows, 2 Fork tailed Kites and 1 Goanna. Your challenge is to work out how many pairs of legs visited that carcass in the 30 minutes?

ANSWER: 13 pairs of legs

QUESTION 12: Eagle Rock!

An Australian Rock band of the 1970's had a hit single which featured a video clip of a bird very familiar to Outback travellers. That bird was our Wedge Tailed Eagle. It was doing an unusual walk. The song was called the called 'Eagle Rock'. The band was?

ANSWER: Daddy Cool.

Kids Only QUESTION

What Aussie animal is like a porcupine and is on our 5 cent coin?

ANSWER: The echidna.

QUESTION 13: The odd one out

One of the birds listed below is the 'odd one out' because it does not swim, or it does not eat fish, or it does not live or hunt in rivers and lakes. Name the odd one out. Your choices are as follows:

Pelican, Little Pied Cormorant, Spangled Drongo, Darter, Azure Kingfisher and Black Swan.

ANSWER: The Spangled Drongo.

QUESTION 14: Two Grey Nomads

Two grey nomads were camped by a billabong and were playing OnyaWallaby. In the background they could hear a call which sounded like 'mopoke'. Was it a:

- A:** Powerful owl
- B:** Tawny Frogmouth
- C:** Barn Owl
- D:** Boobook Owl

ANSWER: It is **D**, the Boobook Owl which goes "Mopoke, mopoke".

Travel Terms Jocularity

"Did you have a good holiday mate?"

"Yes thanks, we did a 2228 tour!"

"What's a 2228 tour?"

**"It's a tour that makes you feel high
and on top of the world!"**

It's a tour to the top of Kosi (Mt. Kosciuszko!)"



QUIZ 45

Onya Wallaby - In their Footsteps

Many of the places that we visit in the Outback were first visited by our early explorers and before them by the First Australians. For that reason, we are often ‘walking in their foot steps’. The quiz questions that follow are about those explorers.



Mount Kosciuszko – Photo: Steve Bruce - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Downstream

In whose 1829-30 footsteps could we be following if we took a houseboat or a canoe down the Murrumbidgee then past the Darling and onwards down the Murray to Lake Alexandria?

ANSWER: It was Charles Sturt

QUESTION 2: A tragic tale

It has been on your bucket list for a while to travel to Cooper Creek and see the Dig Tree. Whose footsteps from 1860 and 1861 would you be walking in?

ANSWER: It would be footsteps of Burke and Wills of the tragic Burke and Wills Expedition.

QUESTION 3: Up the Middle

You travel from Adelaide to Darwin. Finding the way was a quest for which Scottish explorer? He achieved this goal in 1861-62. Your road trip follows in his footsteps. Who was he and what important highway was named after him?

ANSWER: He was John McDouall Stuart. It was the Stuart Highway.

Kids Only QUESTION

The inland highway between Melbourne and Sydney is called what?

ANSWER: It is the Hume highway named after the explorer Hume.

QUESTION 4: East West

You ride your bike across the Nullabor from Adelaide to Albany. A well-known explorer walked and rode on horseback the same route in 1840. The highway you are travelling on bears his name. Who was he?

ANSWER: He was Edward John Eyre.

QUESTION 5: Simpson Desert

In your camper van you drive to Wentworth then follow the Darling River north towards Menindee. Name the explorer who did this in 1844 to 1846. It was such a tough trip that 2 of his men died of scurvy. He discovered what became known as Simpson Desert. Whose footsteps will you be following part of your way?

ANSWER: The answer is Charles Sturt.

QUESTION 6: Canning Stock Route

While travelling the Canning Stock Route you perhaps cross the path of explorer Ernest Giles who discovered and named the Gibson Desert. In what years was this?

- A: 1850-51
- B: 1874-76
- C: 1880-1881
- D: 1894-95

ANSWER: It is **B**. The year was 1874.

Kids Only QUESTION

What famous expedition ended with the death of its two leaders?

ANSWER: It was the Burke and Wills Expedition.

QUESTION 7: He was hunted!

If you were walking through Tunnell Creek near Derby whose footsteps might you cross? Might it be that of:

- A: First Nation freedom fighter Jandamara
- B: Police troopers pursuing Jandamara
- C: The explorers A.C. and F.T. Gregory
- D: Early settlers
- E: Cattle Drovers
- F: All of the above

ANSWER: **F**. At one time or the other it was all of the above.

QUESTION 8: Bellarine Peninsula

Many visitors to the Bellarine Peninsula near Geelong would have crossed the path of an exploration team led by two men whose surnames both started with H. They got to Corio Bay in 1824. Who were they?

ANSWER: It was Hume and Hovell.

QUESTION 9: Also on the Bellarine

On a holiday on the Bellarine, you might also have crossed the path of a famous escaped convict who lived with the local aborigines for over 30 years. His initials were WB. He is the subject of a popular Australian expression “That you’ve got?” meaning you have no what?

ANSWER: The expression is “you have got ‘Buckley’s” which means you have little or no chance of achieving something. It is supposedly based on the idea that they thought Buckley had no chance of surviving in the wilderness after he escaped.

Kids Only QUESTION

Does the old Australian saying that you have Buckley’s mean you have:

- A: little chance
- B: no chance
- C: minimal chance
- D: all of the above

ANSWER: D: all of the above.

QUESTION 10: East Gippsland and New South Wales South Coast

Walking any of the beaches between Lakes Entrance in Victoria and Wollongong you might have crossed the paths of survivors of the ship the Sydney Cove. 17 people began walking up the coast in 1797 on route to Sydney Town. Guess how many survived and made it there to raise the alarm? 1,2,3 or 4?

ANSWER: Just 3.

QUESTION 11: The Kimberley

Between Kununarra and Katherine you might cross the paths of 2 explorers who in 1855 and 1861 led expeditions to Northern Australia. What is the name of one of these explorers after whom a large National Park is named?

ANSWER: A.C. Gregory. In the 1990s Kieran Kelly a Sydney Executive led a re-enactment of their exploration. Later he published an interesting book on the experience called 'Hard Country, Hard Men (In the Footsteps of Gregory). It gave an insight into the importance of horses to their exploration and how tough the country is around Gregory National Park.

QUESTION 12: Circumnavigation

If you paddled a canoe, a kayak along any part of our coastline you might have crossed the path of Paul Gaffyn who circumnavigated Australia in a sea Kayak in 1980. It was a huge achievement. Your question is, how long did it take? Your choices are 165 days, 265 days, 365 days or 465 days.

ANSWER: It took him 365 days or one year exactly!

Kids Only QUESTION

What train follows the route taken by the early explorers to find a way to get from Adelaide to Darwin?

ANSWER: The Ghan.

QUESTION 13: Up north

Travelling through Western Queensland you might cross the path of explorer Ludwig Leichardt who went from Moreton Bay to Port Essington (near Darwin). Your question is, was this in:

A: 1844-45

B: 1855-56

C: 1865-66

ANSWER: **A:** 1844-45

QUESTION 14: Cooper Creek

When in Outback Queensland you might camp on Cooper Creek where both explorers and drovers have camped. The headwaters of Cooper Creek is the Barcoo. Your question is, who first discovered this? His initials were MM. It is also the name of a species of Cockatoo.

ANSWER: It was Sir Thomas Mitchell (Major Mitchell) the Surveyor General who led 4 expeditions between 1831 and 1845.

Travel Terms Jocularly

“Did you have a good holiday mate?”

“Yes thanks, we did an ADT!”

“What’s an ADT?”

“It’s an Aussie Desert Tour!”

“What was special about it?”

“We had sweets, not desert, every night!”



QUIZ 46

Onya Wallaby - Significant people, places and events

Some people and places feature prominently in Australia's political, social and cultural history. The following are just the tip of one very big iceberg.



Portrait of Captain Matthew Flinders by Toussaint Antoine de Chazal de Chamerel

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QUESTION 1: First map

Travelling from Indonesia in 1608 and 1623, Jan Carstensz and Willem Jansz became the first Europeans to land in and map a small part of 'Terra Australis Incognita' or unknown South Land. Your question is, what nationality were they?

ANSWER: They were Dutch and they began their voyages in Batavia in Java (Indonesia).

QUESTION 2: Cape Inscription

What Dutchman landed there in 1616 and drew the first map of some of the West Coast of Australia north of Cape Inscription?

ANSWER: It was Dirk Hartog.

QUESTION 3: A mighty big loop!

Can you name this mystery Dutchman? In 1642 he sailed from Java down Australia's west coast, across its south coast, landed in Southern Tasmania and then went on to New Zealand before looping back to Java.

ANSWER: This was the amazing Abel Tasman!

Kids Only QUESTION

Sir Donald Bradman was a famous Australian who played what sport?

ANSWER: Cricket.

QUESTION 4: Who was first? (Answer just one)

In 1699, an Englishman landed on our west coast. Can you name him? His initials were WD. He landed in Australia 71 years before Captain James Cook. Is that true or is it false?

ANSWER: His name was William Dampier. Yes, it is Dinky Di true that when people say Captain Cook discovered Australia that only refers to the East Coast!

QUESTION 5: Point Hicks (Fact or fiction)

In April 1770, Point Hicks was the first place that Captain James Cook, in his ship the Endeavour, sighted the Australian coastline for the first time having just travelled across the Tasman Sea from New Zealand. He named it this in honour of Lieutenant Zachary Hicks who made the first sighting. Is this the Fair Dinkum truth?

ANSWER: Yes, this is also true.

QUESTION 6: Botany Bay

In 1770, Captain James Cook named the first place they landed in Australia, Botany Bay, in honour of which VIP/Botanist that was a passenger on board his ship the Endeavour? His initials were SJB.

ANSWER: James Cook named it Botany Bay in honour of Sir Joseph Banks, a very rich passenger Botanist on board the Endeavour. At Botany Bay they collected their first Banksia, a plant species, which was later named after Banks. Banks was like the modern day equivalent of rich people who buy a seat on a Space X trip into orbit. Like with Space X, there was a fair degree of risk for Banks and his party!

Kids Only QUESTION

Who was Australia's most famous bushranger?

ANSWER: Ned Kelly.

QUESTION 7: Mount Warning

Mount Warning is a highly visible mountain near Murwillumbah and the Queensland / New South Wales border. In that era of exploration and discovery newly identified landmarks were mostly named after important people. Mount Warning appears to be an exception and is significant for that, and geological reasons. Your question is, who gave it that name?

ANSWER: It was James Cook. Most people refer to him as Captain Cook but when in the land that became Australia, although in command of the voyage, at that time, he only held the rank of Lieutenant. After the end of the voyage he was promoted to the rank of Captain.

QUESTION 8: A significant and unusual name

South of Gladstone in Queensland is a tourist town called 1770. Your question is who landed there in that year?

ANSWER: Again, it was James Cook in command of the Endeavour.

QUESTION 9: Named in his honour

On the Endeavour River (north of Cairns) is Cooktown. The Endeavour was there for months in 1770. Your task is to identify the main reason why. Your choices are:

- A: Resupplying food and water
- B: Recreational leave for the crew
- C: Fixing a serious leak

ANSWER: C: It was mainly repairing damage done on the Great Barrier Reef.

Kids Only QUESTION

Was Bob Hawke well known as a sports star,
a politician or as a singer?

ANSWER: H was a politician. A famous Prime Minister.

QUESTION 10: Eighteen years later

On January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip in command of the First Fleet arrived. He chose an alternative site to Botany Bay, a bit further north. What was that called? A clue is PJ.

ANSWER: Port Jackson.

QUESTION 11: "Row, row, row your boat"

In 1796, an important explorer, who made a significant discovery, paddled in a whaleboat down the coast into the unknown. This mystery man discovered Western Port Bay and perhaps named Phillip Island (at the entrance to the Bay) after Governor Phillip. Your question is, who was this mystery man?

ANSWER: It was George Bass.

QUESTION 12: Soon after

Soon after his Whaleboat adventure, George Bass teamed up with Matthew Flinders in 1788-89 and sailed the sloop called the 'Norfolk' on an important voyage. Your job is to name what they proved on this very significant voyage?

Did they prove that:

A: there was once a land bridge that connected Tasmania and the mainland

B: that there were several large islands in southern Australian Waters

C: that Tasmania was an island

ANSWER: C: By sailing around it they proved that Tasmania was an island.

This knowledge made the trip out from England about a week shorter.

Kids Only QUESTION

Was Sir Douglas Mawson a famous explorer, a sports star or an actor?

ANSWER: A famous explorer.

QUESTION 13: Two significant First Australians

Bennelong and Pemulwoy were 2 prominent First Australians who were from tribes of the Port Jackson area. One became a leader of the resistance to expanding white settlement and the other became a friend to Governor Arthur Phillip.

Your job is to name who was perceived as a friend and who was perceived as a foe.

ANSWER: Bennelong was the friend of the English while Pemulwoy resisted them.

QUESTION 14: Who was I? (Answer one)

Who was I? I was travelling from Port Jackson back to England in 1803 when I was shipwrecked after just 8 days sailing. We named it Wreck reef. It is North East of Townsville. One clue is I was carrying some precious maps with me.

ANSWER: I am Matthew Flinders!

Who was I? I was a convict at the First Settlement in Victoria which arrived in October 1803 at Sullivan Bay near present day Sorrento. I escaped and lived with the Aborigines near Geelong for the next 32 years. It was thought I had little chance of surviving. A popular Aussie saying was made about me for situations where people or their ideas were thought to have little or no chance of success. My initials were WB. One year later, in 1804, this settlement was abandoned mainly due to a lack of water.

ANSWER: I am William Buckley of Buckley's chance!

QUESTION 15: A chance meeting?

South of Adelaide and near Victor Harbour a significant and important event took place in 1801. A clue is in the location of being near what later became known as the Fleurieu Peninsula. Your question is who met there? Their initials were MF and AB.

ANSWER: It was Matthew Flinders and Frenchman, Antony Baudin, the commander of the French expedition sent by Napoleon to explore 'Terra Australis'. They met at what today is known as Encounter Bay.

Travel Terms Jocularly

"Did you have a good holiday mate?"

"Yes thanks, we did a TTB tour!"

"What's a TTB tour?"

"It's a Top to Bottom tour of the Great Dividing Range!"

"Were you guaranteed lots of ups and downs?"

"Yep but we were mainly on a high!"



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QUIZ 47

Onya Wallaby - Nature on Show



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QUESTION 1:

What well known constellation is usually visible for detection on a clear outback night?

ANSWER: The Southern Cross.

QUESTION 2:

What special and distinctive ‘natural light show’ can sometimes be seen from Southern Tasmania in Winter?

ANSWER: The Southern Lights (Aurora Borealis).

QUESTION 3:

What group of Australian birds are often in flocks, usually colourful, sometimes noisy and always nest in tree hollows?

ANSWER: Parrots.

Kids Only QUESTION

In the popular Australian kids cartoon Bluey is what breed of dog?

ANSWER: Blue Healer.

QUESTION 4:

In what season do you get spectacular and dramatic clouds and storms in the Top End?

ANSWER: The Wet Season.

QUESTION 5:

What 3 months constitute the dry season in Darwin and the Top End?

ANSWER: June, July and August constitutes the Dry season.

QUESTION 6:

In the mountains of Eastern Victoria is the world's tallest flowering plant. What is its common name?

ANSWER: The majestic Mountain Ash.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? The illustrated children's book, 'Animalia' was first released by Australian author Graeme Base in 1986.

ANSWER: True

QUESTION 7:

What natural wonder in Australia is below sea level?

ANSWER: Lake Eyre.

QUESTION 8:

I am a very showy group of native plants mainly with red or pink spider or toothbrush shaped flowers. We are very popular with birds. Are we Banksias, Acacias, Waratahs or Grevilleas?

ANSWER: Grevilleas.

QUESTION 9:

Dugongs or Sea Cows (which are known as Manatees in Florida), are found in just two states and one territory in Australia. Can you name all three?

ANSWER: Western Australia, The Northern Territory and Queensland.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? The Killer whale is also known by the name Orca.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 10:

On the Wallaby, east of Adelaide, at Monarto you can visit:

- A:** a working open cut goldmine
- B:** a 'Wet and Wild' Theme Park
- C:** a migratory bird wetland
- D:** a Safari Park run by the Adelaide Zoo

ANSWER: **D:** a Safari Park run by the Adelaide Zoo

QUESTION 11:

What Mountain Range near Alice Springs often put on a light show in the late afternoon?
A clue is MDR.

ANSWER: They are the MacDonnell Ranges. (They change colour in the late afternoon).

QUESTION 12:

Chambers Pillar has the reputation of being a magnet for those seeking a desert experience.
What territory or state is it in and what desert is it part of?

ANSWER: Chambers Pillar is in Simpson's Desert in the Northern Territory.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? At Phillip Island, near Melbourne, you can see a Penguin parade every night of Fairy Penguins. The Penguins return to their burrows to feed their chicks. They are also called 'Little Penguins'.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 13:

The awesome power evident from outside this world can be seen at Wolf Creek!
What is at Wolf Creek?

ANSWER: A meteor crater.

QUESTION 14: Who are we?

What am I? I am a type of Marsupial that once was common in Australia. Now, I am only common in Tasmania. The initials for 2 of our species are as follows. EQ & TQ.

ANSWER: We are the Eastern Quoll and Tiger Quoll.

Travel Terms Jocularity

“G’day mate, did you have a good holiday?”

“We sure did. We went to Mount Ambivalence!”

“Never heard of it! Where’s Mount Ambivalence?”

**“It’s wherever you find a mountain that
you are reluctant to climb!”**

Stimulate your curiosity!



QUIZ 48

Onya Wallaby - Well-known Aussies

We have some pretty talented Aussies.



Missy Higgins – Photo: Stuart Sevastos- Wikimedia Commons Licence

QUESTION 1:

Who am I? I played a young Larrikin in a 1986 Aussie movie about 2 champion runners from rural Western Australia that ran away from home to join the army in World War One. My real life initials are MG!

ANSWER: Mel Gibson (The movie was Gallipoli).

QUESTION 2:

Who am I? I starred in the movie version of 'The Man from Snowy River' that was filmed in the Victorian high country near Mount Buller. I also starred alongside David Wenham in the ABC's hit series called 'Sea Change'. My initials are ST.

ANSWER: Sigrid Thornton.

QUESTION 3:

Who am I? I was an actor on Australian TV. I was best known for my part in Kath and Kim. I also played the leading part in Russell Coight's 'All Aussie Adventures'. In that show I played the Mr Bean of Outback adventurers. My initials are GR.

ANSWER: My name is Glenn Robbins.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? Katherine and Julia Creek are 2 towns in Northern Australia that have women's names.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 4:

I am a female Aussie Singer who appeared in the film set in the Pilbara/ Kimberley called Bran Nu Dae. Two of my most popular albums were 'The Sound of White' and 'On a clear night'. My initials are MH.

ANSWER: My name is Missy Higgins.

QUESTION 5:

We are 2 country music singers. Our initials are TCD and KC. Guess one?

ANSWER: Troy Casser-Daly and Kasey Chambers.

QUESTION 6:

I am an Australian comedy veteran. I put the Top End on the map through my performances in Crocodile Dundee and its sequel. My name is PH?

ANSWER: My name is Paul Hogan.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? Many people in the South Australian town of Coober Pedy live underground.

ANSWER: True (they are opal miners).

QUESTION 7:

I am a veteran First Australian TV actor. My initials are ED.
I am named after our native dog.

ANSWER: My name is Ernie Dingo.

QUESTION 8:

I became famous for making music with an empty cardboard beer carton. I was also the Northern Territory Administrator for a time. I wrote the Drovers Boy. My initials are TE.

ANSWER: Ted Egan.

QUESTION 9:

I am a movie called PQOTD. I helped launch the careers of Hugo Weaving and Guy Pearce. What am I called?

ANSWER: Priscilla Queen of the desert.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? In Australia, there are 2 towns called Maryborough. One is in Queensland. The other is in Victoria.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 10:

Aussie actor Michael Caton told us about the importance of ‘feeling the serenity’ of places that are special to us. He made this suggestion in what classic Aussie movie?

ANSWER: It was ‘The Castle’ - a hit Aussie movie from 1999.

QUESTION 11:

In Sydney in 2000, she carried the hopes of our nation over 400 metres. She did not disappoint us. Who was she?

ANSWER: She is Cathy Freeman. She became the 400 metres Olympic champion at the Sydney Olympics.

QUESTION 12:

The Melba Highway, which goes north from Melbourne, was named after Australian Opera Star Dame Nellie Melba. Is this true or false?

ANSWER: True. The highway goes right past her former home which is an historic building.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? Australia has a line which crosses our continent. It goes east and west near Rockhampton, Alice Springs and the Western Australian mining town called Newman. This line is called the Tropic of Capricorn. Is this true or false?

ANSWER: This is true.

QUESTION 13:

In January 2022 she won the Australian Open Tennis Championship. She also won at Wimbledon that year. Who is she?

ANSWER: She is Ash Barty. Like Cathy Freeman she is a great representative of our First Nations community.

Travel Terms Jocularity

“G’day mate did you have a good holiday?”

“We sure did. We had a BRB of a time!”

“What’s a BRB?”

**“It’s a Barrier Reef Bonanza! It was a combo deal
of reef, rainforest and tropical islands.**

It was just what the family needed!”



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QUIZ 49

Onya Wallaby - A Home among the Gum Trees



Australian Pioneer Village— Photo: Jack McGrath - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1:

Who made the song ‘A home among the gum trees’ popular?

ANSWER: John Williamson.

QUESTION 2:

The Botanical or scientific name for all gum trees is what word starting with E?

ANSWER: Eucalyptus.

QUESTION 3:

What type of gum trees are dominant along water ways throughout the Murray Darling Basin?

ANSWER: River Red Gums.

Kids Only QUESTION

What animals only eat gum leaves?

ANSWER: Koalas.

QUESTION 4:

In gorges in Central Australia you often see gum trees with white trunks. What is their common name?

ANSWER: Ghost Gum or Eucalyptus Papuana.

QUESTION 5:

The Red Flowering Gum has flowers that are what colour? Your choices are red, orange, pink, white or all of the above.

ANSWER: All of the above.

QUESTION 6:

True or false? Victoria is home to the tallest flowering plant in the world.

ANSWER: True. It is the Mountain Ash.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? Ironbarks are not a type of gum tree.

ANSWER: False. Ironbarks are a type of Eucalypt.

QUESTION 7:

In what state would you find King Billy Pines?

ANSWER: Tasmania, but it is not a gum tree!

QUESTION 8:

What type of gum trees would be common at Falls Creek, Mount Buller and Mount Hotham?

ANSWER: Snow Gums.

QUESTION 9:

What type of Eucalypt is mainly used to make Eucalyptus Oil?

ANSWER: Mallee.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? Gum trees do not grow in all states and territories of Australia.

ANSWER: It is false because Gum trees occur all over Australia.

QUESTION 10:

True or false? Eucalyptus oil is mainly used in cooking.

ANSWER: False.

QUESTION 11:

Near what Australian Capital City would you find Woollybutts with orange flowers?

ANSWER: Darwin.

QUESTION 12:

Tree Kangaroos only eat Gum leaves. True or false?

ANSWER: This is false. They eat a variety of plant material.

Kids Only QUESTION

Banksias are not a type of gum tree. True or false?

ANSWER: True - Banksias are not a type of Eucalyptus.

QUESTION 13:

How many species of Eucalypts are there in Australia?

A: About 50

B: About 100

C: About 150

D: About 250

ANSWER: D: About 250.

Travel Terms Jocularly

“G’day mate did you have a good holiday?”

“We sure did. We took a WOW adventure.”

“What’s a WOW adventure?”

**“It was a Way Out West tour of Western NSW and Qld.
The WOW factor was high!”**

Stimulate your curiosity!



QUIZ 50

Onya Wallaby - A Smorgasbord

Like most smorgasbords this one offers quite a variety, not to eat but certainly to digest!



The Pink Roadhouse – Photo: Stephen Mabbs - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1:

I am a mountain near the town of Jindabyne. My name is commonly abbreviated down to 4 letters. It starts with K.

ANSWER: At 2228 meters above sea level I am Australia's highest mountain.
I am Mount Kosciusko.

QUESTION 2:

I am from Wee Waa. What river flows through our town?

ANSWER: It is the Namoi river, a tributary of the Darling.

QUESTION 3:

I am a desert town beginning with 'Ood'. Can you guess my name?

ANSWER: Yes, I am Oodnadatta.

Kids Only QUESTION

I am a musical instrument of Australia's First Nation people. My name starts with D. You blow air into me. What am I?

ANSWER: I am a Didgeridoo.

QUESTION 4:

Can you name me? I am a town in North East or South East Victoria that has a name that begins with Y?

ANSWER: In North East Victoria is Yarrawonga and in South East Victoria we have Yarram.

QUESTION 5:

I was once the top predator in my state. The survivors of my kind might be hiding in remote areas but most people think we are extinct. What was I?

ANSWER: I was the Thylacine or Tasmanian Tiger.

QUESTION 6:

I am a National Park near the NSW town of Coonabarabran. One of my special features is the famous 'Bread Knife. My name is?

ANSWER: I am the Warrumbungle Mountains.

Kids Only QUESTION

I am something that Australia's First Nation people used to throw when hunting. They were supposed to 'come back'. Their name starts with B. What am I?

ANSWER: I am a Boomerang.

QUESTION 7:

I am a mountain near the New South Wales and Queen border. I was first named by Captain Cook. What is my name? It is a word that means to make people 'alert' to a threat or danger, starting with W.

ANSWER: Mount Warning.

QUESTION 8:

Can you name a desert town beginning with B, M or I? One is famous for its pub and its annual races, another because of its connections with the Afghan Cameleers while the third is near the 'Dig Tree'.

ANSWER: Possibilities include Birdsville in Queensland and Marree or Innaminka in South Australia.

QUESTION 9:

I am the Barwon river. What larger river am I a tributary of?

ANSWER: The Darling River.

Kids Only QUESTION

I enter the sea near Adelaide. I am a very long river.
My name starts with M.

ANSWER: I am the Murray.

QUESTION 10:

I am a common tree species of rural and remote areas. Botanists call us Casuarina. What is my common name that is used by lay people?

ANSWER: We are called Sheoaks.

QUESTION 11:

I am a popular National Park in the South East of Western Australia. I am between Albany and Katanning. My initials are SRNP. They are a must see place to visit for both the wild flowers and the views. Can you name me?

ANSWER: I am the wonderful Stirling Ranges National Park.

QUESTION 12:

Can you name a town on the South Coast of New South Wales or a town on the north coast of Tasmania both beginning with U?

ANSWER: Ulladulla and Ulverstone.

Kids Only QUESTION

What State Capital City is on an island?

ANSWER: Hobart.

QUESTION 13:

I am known for my impressive tail feathers which I display in dances to attract a mate. I am the Superb what? I am a forest species. I am a Master Mimic.

ANSWER: I am the Lyrebird (I can mimic many other forest birds and bush noises).

QUESTION 14:

The tourist steam train called Puffing Billy runs through what Mountain Range just East of Melbourne?

ANSWER: The Dandenong Ranges.

QUESTION 15:

In a famous Aussie poem, the writer says “Clancy’s gone a drovin’ and we don’t know where he are”. Who wrote these words?

ANSWER: Banjo Paterson

Travel Terms Jocularly

“G’day mate did you have a good holiday?”

“We sure did. We did a Way Out West OOR tour.”

“What’s an OOR tour?”

“OOR is short for ‘Our Other Reef’.

We had an awesome time.

We now know why people say that Ningaloo is magic!”



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Give a mountain a nickname

When we climb mountains in a vehicle or on foot, colourful words sometimes come to us which describe what that experience was like. Below is a list of nicknames we have come up with for some of the characteristics of mountains we know of.

Mount Arduous, Mount Abundant, Mount Ambitious, Mount Admiration, Mount Abominable, Mount After-thought, Mount Ambivalence, Mount Baloney, Mount Benign, Mount Besotted, Mount Bravado, Mount Bogus, Mount Catalyst, Mount Chauffeur, Mount Chiropractic, Mount Cockpit.

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