

Onya Wallaby

QUIZZES 61 - 70



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A QUESTION & ANSWER booklet

Please note: For Quizzes 61 to 70 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...



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QUIZ 61

Onya Wallaby - Across the Top

A trip around Australia by land, by sea, by air or just by map, can be navigated by the use of prominent landmarks. Below are questions about some of these landmarks plus, for variety, some other miscellaneous Aussie topics. Also included are kids only questions so that kids can be active participants.



Darwin, Australia – Photo: Harry Down - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: The tip

The Tip is our starting point. It is like a nickname for what place?

ANSWER: Cape York.

QUESTION 2: Feel the serenity!

It is a short drive and a brief walk to the actual tip. You can perhaps sometimes “feel the serenity” when there are not too many tourists around. Your question is, what classic Aussie movie does the “feel the serenity” quote come from?

ANSWER: The Castle.

QUESTION 3: What day?

You know you are at the tip when you can see a nearby island named after a day of the week. That day is what?

ANSWER: Thursday.

QUESTION 4: The Strait

Thursday Island is the first of a string of islands connecting Australia and our nearest northern neighbour. What country is that?

ANSWER: Papua New Guinea.

Kids Only QUESTION

What is the northern most city in Australia?

Hint: Its name starts with D.

ANSWER: It is Darwin.

QUESTION 5: Banana benders

Many of us at the tip are southerners. Others are referred to as 'Banana benders'! What state are they from?

ANSWER: Queensland!

QUESTION 6: What strait?

The Strait between Australia and Papua New Guinea is called what Strait? Is it Bass Strait, Investigator Strait or Torres Strait?

ANSWER: Torres Strait.

QUESTION 7: Guess Who?

Early explorers from what country named the Torres Strait?
Was it the Dutch, the Spanish, the Portuguese or the French?

ANSWER: The Dutch.

QUESTION 8: Sailing the Gulf

You sail south into 'the Gulf'. What is the Gulf between Cape York and Arnhem Land? Is it the Gulf of St Vincent, Spencer Gulf or the Gulf of Carpentaria?

ANSWER: It's the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Kids Only QUESTION

What state are you in? Is it Kingsland or Queensland?

ANSWER: Queensland.

QUESTION 9: First stop

Your first stop sailing south down into 'The Gulf' is Weipa, which is a mining town.
At Weipa they mine Bauxite. What metal is Bauxite made into?

ANSWER: Aluminium.

QUESTION 10: Beware

Going swimming off the back of a boat can be very dangerous.
Can you sum up this danger in just one word?

ANSWER: Crocodiles!

QUESTION 11: An exotic dance

Near the bottom of the Gulf you come to a fishing and tourist town. Its name sounds like the name of an exotic food or dance! What s its name?

ANSWER: Karumba!

QUESTION 12: Not far as the crow flies!

You are now not far from where 2 famous men got to in 1861. They tried to return from near here but they died along the way. Your question is who were they?

ANSWER: They were Burke and Wills!

Kids Only QUESTION

In the gulf you might sea a Sea Cow feeding on Sea Grass.
Most people call them by another more popular name. What is it?
Hint: That name begins with D.

ANSWER: Dugongs.

QUESTION 13: Heading north

Your next stop is Nhulunbuy. Along the way you will pass 2 major islands. They start with G and M. Your question is, what are they? The 'G' island is not Gilligan's Island!

ANSWER: Groote and Mornington islands.

QUESTION 14: In Nhulunbuy

Nhulunbuy is a First Nation Community in what part of the Northern Territory?
Hint: it is a Dutch word which starts with A.

ANSWER: It is Arnhem Land.

Kids Only QUESTION

From Nhulunbuy you take a long drive, cross country, to the Stuart Highway. You hit the Highway just south of a major town which has a lady's name. Can you name that name?

ANSWER: Katherine.

QUESTION 15: Irresistible

Between Katherine and Darwin what National Park is a must see and do?

ANSWER: Kakadu.

QUESTION 16: Two icons

Kakadu National Park Headquarters and what iconic Aussie bird share the same name?

ANSWER: Jabiru.

QUESTION 17: A safe place to swim

What small National Park near Batchelor offers safe swimming in beautiful rockpools fed by lovely waterfalls?

ANSWER: Litchfield National Park.

Stimulate your curiosity!



QUIZ 62

Onya Wallaby - Darwin and the Kimberley

Darwin has some interesting place names. This quiz identifies some of them.



Francois Peron National Park – Photo: Michael Lammli - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: What else?

Darwin was named after the famous English biologist and man of science, Charles Darwin. Your question is, what place of learning was also named after him?

ANSWER: It was Charles Darwin University. He visited Australia in 1836 onboard the Beagle. Darwin later published his book called ‘The Origin of the Species’. In Australia he visited Hobart, Sydney and the area that later became known as Darwin.

QUESTION 2: A suburb of Darwin

I am a suburb of Darwin. I am the tribal name of the local First Nation community. My name starts with L.

ANSWER: My name is Larrakeyah.

QUESTION 3: Dangerous inhabitants

East of Darwin are 2 rivers with 2 almost identical names. These names suggest they are not safe for swimmers. Can you name one or the other?

ANSWER: They are the South and West Alligator Rivers. True Alligators are found in the southern states of the USA and in parts of South America.

Kids Only QUESTION

I am a type of farm that is popular with tourists. We do not have a farmer in charge and we do not have any sheep, cows, chickens, pigs or horses. The animals in our farm are cold blooded. Their skin is made into leather. What type of farm is this?

ANSWER: It is a crocodile farm.

QUESTION 4: A multiple target

Darwin was bombed several times during WWII by planes from what country?

ANSWER: Japan.

QUESTION 5: Worse damage!

Worse damage was inflicted on Darwin in 1995 from what natural disaster?

ANSWER: Cyclone Tracy.

QUESTION 6: An epic film

Baz Luhrmann directed what major Aussie film about life in Darwin and the Top End during WWII?

ANSWER: This film was called 'Australia'.

QUESTION 7: A 'B' town

En route to Katherine you pass by a town with a name which might have been suggested by a committee of un-married men. What do you think is its name?

ANSWER: Batchelor.

QUESTION 8: A new direction!

You turn off the Stuart Highway near Katherine and head down the Victoria Highway in what direction towards Kununurra and the Kimberley?

Your choices are West, Southwest or Northwest.

ANSWER: Southwest.

Kids Only QUESTION

Near Katherine is the RAAF base called Tindle.
What do the letters RAAF stand for?

ANSWER: Royal Australian Air Force.

QUESTION 9: Eastern gateway to the Kimberley

What town starting with K is at the Eastern Gateway to the Kimberley?

ANSWER: Kununurra.

QUESTION 10: Just 6

There are just 6 towns in the Kimberley. Can you name 3 of them?

They start with the letters W, K, HC, FC, D and B.

ANSWER: Wyndham, Kununurra, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby, and Broome.

QUESTION 11: A famous family

The Kimberley has a famous family who were pioneers of the local cattle industry. A major river bears their name. The first 3 letters of their surname are 'Dur'. Can you provide the last 3 letters of their name?

ANSWER: They were the Duracks. Their story was told by Mary Durack in her books named 'Kings in Grass Castles' and 'Sons in the Saddle'.

The Duracks were poor Irish immigrants who first had a farm near Goulburn in NSW.

They then moved to Thargomindah in Western Queensland and after a few years there moved on to the Kimberley.

Kids Only QUESTION

Near Kununurra is a huge man-made lake called Lake what?

ANSWER: Lake Argyle.

QUESTION 12: A new industry

Water from Lake Argyle is used for growing what?

ANSWER: Fruit and vegetables.

QUESTION 13: A major impact

South of Halls Creek what landmark can you see that reminds us of ancient events on planet Earth?

ANSWER: The Wolf Creek meteorite crater.

QUESTION 14: Must see National Parks

Between Kununurra and Derby there are 3 'must see' National Parks.
They are the Bungle Bungles, Geiki Gorge and Windjana.
Can you name the First Australian name of one of them?

ANSWER: The Bungle Bungle's First Nation name is Purnululu.
For Geikie Gorge it is Danggu and for Windjana it is Goiana.

QUESTION 15: RAAF

What Kimberley town has an RAAF base nearby?

ANSWER: Derby.

QUESTION 16: Obesity

Some trees in the Kimberley seem to suffer from obesity. What are they called?

ANSWER: They are the iconic Kimberley BOAB tree!

QUESTION 17: Gateway

What Kimberley town starting with B is at the western gate way of the Kimberley?
Clue "don't get swept away".

ANSWER: It is Broome!

Kids Only QUESTION

What 3 colours appear on the Australian flag?

ANSWER: Dark Blue, Red and White

QUESTION 18: Raptors

Can you name one fish-eating raptor you could have seen on your trip around the coast?
Think O, WBSE, BK or WK!

ANSWER: White Breasted Sea Eagles, Osprey, Brahminy Kites and Whistling Kites are the most common fish-eating birds of prey you might see.

QUESTION 19: Industry

Last century, Broome was at the centre of an industry producing what luxury product?

ANSWER: Pearls.

QUESTION 20: Up the beach!

What sort of train can you see going up Cable Beach, in Broome, about sunset?

ANSWER: A camel train, carrying tourists!

QUESTION 21: A name change!

Popular local musicians the 'Pigram Brothers' today go by what revised name?

ANSWER: The Pigrams.

QUESTION 22: A feel good film

In 2009, Rachel Perkins directed a movie that was filmed in Broome called Bran Nu Dae. It featured Ernie Dingo, Geoffrey Rush, Jessica Mauboy, Missy Higgins, Magda Szubanski and Deborah Mailman. Your question is this. What type of film was it? Your choices are a thriller, Science fiction, a drama or a musical comedy.

ANSWER: It is a musical comedy.

QUESTION 23: Who played Tudawali?

Also filmed in Broome and Darwin was a film about the demise of the actor who starred in the 1955 film called Jedda. Was this actor played by Ernie Dingo, Robert Tudawali or Charles Chauvel?

ANSWER: Robert Tudawali was played by a young Ernie Dingo. Jedda was written, produced and directed by Charles Chauvel.

QUESTION 24: The Pindan

The Pindan gets several mentions in the songs of Broome group 'The Pigrams'. It is red soil country around Roebuck Bay. A plant from what group of Aussie plants dominates the Pindan? Their scientific name starts with A and their common name starts with W.

ANSWER: They are acacias or wattles.

QUESTION 25: Hideout

Near Derby is Tunnel Creek. It provided a great hide out for the First Nations Resistance fighters led by who?

ANSWER: Resistance fighter, Jandamarra, used Tunnel Creek for hiding and as an escape route.

QUESTION 26: Name a Community

Can you name a First Nations Community north of Broome? Its initials are BB.

ANSWER: It is Beagle Bay.



QUIZ 63

Onya Wallaby - Broom south to Perth



Take the long way home – Cable Beach – Photo: Nick Dunn - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Big ships

Around Port Headland, Dampier and Karratha there are lots of big ships lined up. They export what ore?

ANSWER: Iron Ore for making steel!

QUESTION 2: Neighbours

You are not being asked about a long running TV show. Instead, this question asks what the name is of the region south of the Kimberley. Its name starts with P.

ANSWER: The Pilbara.

QUESTION 3: Who was William Dampier?

True or false? He was the first Englishman to land in this place that eventually became known as Australia.

ANSWER: True.

Kids Only QUESTION

The word 'Didge' is sort for what First Australian musical instrument?

ANSWER: Didgeridoo.

QUESTION 4: Was he first?

Dampier landed here in what year? Was it 1606, 1642, 1688 or 1770 or 1788?
Was he first?

ANSWER: It was in 1688. He was the first Englishman to land in the western part of the land that was first known as New Holland but later became known as Australia.

QUESTION 5: Other early birds!

Willem Jansz (1606), Jan Carstenz (1623) and Abel Tasman (1642) all visited the north and west coast of Australia before Dampier. What European country were they from?

ANSWER: Holland.

QUESTION 6: A different name

What name did the Dutch use for this land in the early days?

ANSWER: They called it New Holland.

QUESTION 7: Special Pilbara Place

Near Newman is Western Australia's second biggest National Park. What is its name?

ANSWER: It is Karijini NP. It is a ripper of a place to visit! You can explore some excellent creek gorges and admire carpets of wildflowers contrasted against the red soils and straight gum trees with stark white bark.

QUESTION 8: A toxic substance

North-West of Newman is an ex-mining town that was closed down because the mineral that was mined there was found to be toxic. What town was that and what was the mineral?

ANSWER: It was Wittenoom and the mineral was Asbestos.

QUESTION 9: A well-kept secret

Australia's second coral reef is just off the north coast of Western Australia. What is its name, and what aptly named town, with initials of CB, is nearby?

ANSWER: Ningaloo Reef and Coral Bay.

QUESTION 10: A warrior

Can you name the Western Australian author with the initials of TW who has been fighting for the protection of Ningaloo Reef?

ANSWER: It is Tim Winton.

QUESTION 11: Visitors to Ningaloo

When you snorkel off Ningaloo Reef you might see two very large visitors. Their initials are MR and WS. Can you name them fully?

ANSWER: Manta Rays and Whale Sharks. You will also see large Turtles.

Kids Only QUESTION

As you continue further south you will cross an important line on the map. It goes east-west. What is it called?

ANSWER: The Tropic of Capricorn.

QUESTION 12: Further south

Western Australia's next region starts with G and is the name of its major river. What is the name of that river?

ANSWER: This river and region is the Gascoyne.

QUESTION 13: A 'can do' town

The Gascoyne river flows in an Easterly direction and meets the sea at a major town. This town has a name that starts by saying it 'Can'. What is its full name?

ANSWER: Carnarvon.

QUESTION 14: Unusual

This place has some unusual names like 'Useless Loop' and 'Monkey Mia'. They are part of a place with a name that suggests a cautious approach to swimming. What is it?

ANSWER: Shark Bay.

QUESTION 15: World Heritage

Shark Bay is a World Heritage area. Which of the following is the most likely reason why? It has extensive wetlands. It has old growth forests. It has diverse marine life. Its history.

ANSWER: It has diverse marine life.

QUESTION 16: Other locals

Can you name 2 species of marine mammals that make Shark Bay popular with tourists? Their names both start with D.

ANSWER: Dugongs and Dolphins.

QUESTION 17: Beyond Useless Loop

Beyond Useless Loop is the most westerly point of the Australian mainland and Western Australia's largest island. What is that most westerly point and who was that island named after?

ANSWER: It is Steep Point. The island was named after Dirk Hartog.

QUESTION 18: Aussie Lingo

A good friend describes this holiday as "True Blue". By that they mean:

- (a) It was a trip featuring beautiful blue seas and clear blue skies
- (b) It was a trip that lots of Aussies do
- (c) It was a typical Aussie bush holiday
- (d) All your walks were led by a local expert called Bluey
- (e) Both (b) and (c)

ANSWER: (e) Both (b) and (c)

QUESTION 19: Dirk Hartog

What unusual thing did Dutch explorer Dirk Hartog leave at Steep Point when he landed there in 1616? Did he leave

- (a) a plaque (b) a ship's anchor (c) a time capsule or (d) an artefact?

ANSWER: (d) an artefact.

QUESTION 20: Shipwrecked

What Dutch ship was wrecked on an island off the coast of what became Geraldton in 1629? Was it the Endeavour, the Norfolk, the Roebuck, the Investigator or the Batavia?

ANSWER: It was the Dutch ship the Batavia.

Kids Only QUESTION - DOUBLE POINTS!!!

Can you name the breed of dog in the film 'Red Dog'.
Fact or fiction? This film was based in Dampier.

ANSWER: It was a Kelpie and (fact) the film was based in Dampier.

QUESTION 21: What next?

What followed the Shipwreck of the Batavia was a story of (a) exploration and discovery (b) anarchy, mutiny and mass murder (c) terror, chaos and retribution (d) both (b) and (c).

ANSWER: (d) both (b) and (c).

QUESTION 22: True or False?

South of Shark Bay is a National Park with a lookout called 'Nature's Window'.

ANSWER: True. It is in Kalbarri National Park. It has great views of the Murchison River.

QUESTION 23: A male name

The name of your next major town is made up of a male name and a measurement of weight.
Can you guess what it is?

ANSWER: Geraldton.

QUESTION 24: A tip!

Other tourists going north suggest that 'a must see' is the unusual rock formations known as 'The Pinnacles'. To get there you will need to turn off at NNP. What name is that?

ANSWER: It is Nambung National Park.



Kick start travel conversations

QUIZ 64

Onya Wallaby - The Ferals

Wherever you travel in Australia, there are feral and introduced animals. They cause problems basically because they don't belong and many have hard hooves which cause soil erosion. This quiz is about where you might encounter them when you are 'on the Wallaby'.



European Red Fox – Photo: Erik McLean - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Outback

We first came here with the Afghans. We were used to carry supplies. We were called 'Ships of the desert'. When replaced by trucks we were set free to roam and to multiply. We are?

ANSWER: We are wild camels.

QUESTION 2: Flinders Ranges

We compete with Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies for food. Some farmers round us up and export us overseas. We are?

ANSWER: We are wild goats.

QUESTION 3: The odd one out?

Which of the following is not an introduced bird?

Starling / Drongo / Mynah / House Sparrow

ANSWER: The Spangled Drongo.

Kids Only QUESTION

I am a cartoon character. My initials are BB. My wild cousins have been a huge problem in Australia in the past.

Who are my wild cousins?

ANSWER: The European Rabbits.

QUESTION 4: Everywhere except the Tropics

I am an introduced predator. I was released near Melbourne over 100 years ago for sport. We have spread to most of Australia.

ANSWER: We are the European Red Fox.

QUESTION 5: Fox free

Which state is fox free?

ANSWER: Tasmania. As a result, small marsupials are much more common there.

QUESTION 6: Competitor

I compete with small Australian Marsupials for food and for hiding places.

My initials are ER. I am?

ANSWER: The European Rabbit.

Kids Only QUESTION

In the forests of South Eastern Australia, Bambi and her mates are growing in numbers. There are several species of us including Samba, Fallow and Red. We are all types of what animal?

ANSWER: We are all types of deer.

QUESTION 7: A big mistake

We were a biological control that went wrong. Like an army, we are hopping west and south from Queensland but we are not an Aussie animal that hops. Our initials are CT. What are we?

ANSWER: We are the Cane toads.

QUESTION 8: Mud

We are mainly a problem in northern Australia and we turn water holes into mud holes. Can you guess what we are?

ANSWER: We are wild pigs that have escaped from farms, and bred up in the bush.

QUESTION 9: Felix

We escaped. We also spread to most parts of Australia. We grow big out bush. We are good climbers. We eat kilos of birds, small reptiles and marsupials each day. We are the feral what?

ANSWER: Feral cats.

QUESTION 10: In Kakadu

We are very large, powerful and black. We are a growing problem in Kakadu. Our initials are WB. What are we?

ANSWER: We are the Water Buffalo.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? No Australian State or Territory is feral cat free.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 11: Also not a feral species

Which of the following are not 'introduced' wild animals from other countries or farm or domestic animals that have escaped, bred up and gone 'feral' in the bush?

Euros, Brumbys, Donkeys, Samba, Wallaroos, Cats and Foxes

ANSWER: Euros and Wallaroos. Both are members of the Kangaroo or Macropus family.

QUESTION 12: Who are we?

Can you name a small marsupial with a common name beginning with B that has been badly reduced in numbers because of predation by cats and foxes and by competition from rabbits?

ANSWER: We are the various species of Bandicoots including the Bilby.

QUESTION 13: True or false?

True or false? Megafauna used to roam this country. This included giant wombats, giant Kangaroos and giant Emu like birds.

ANSWER: True!

QUESTION 14: The odd one out

Which organisation aims to raise awareness of our problem with introduced or feral animals?

- (a) The Invasive species Council of Australia
- (b) Biosecurity Australia
- (c) Plant and Animal Invasion Council
- (d) The Invasive Species Control Council of Australia

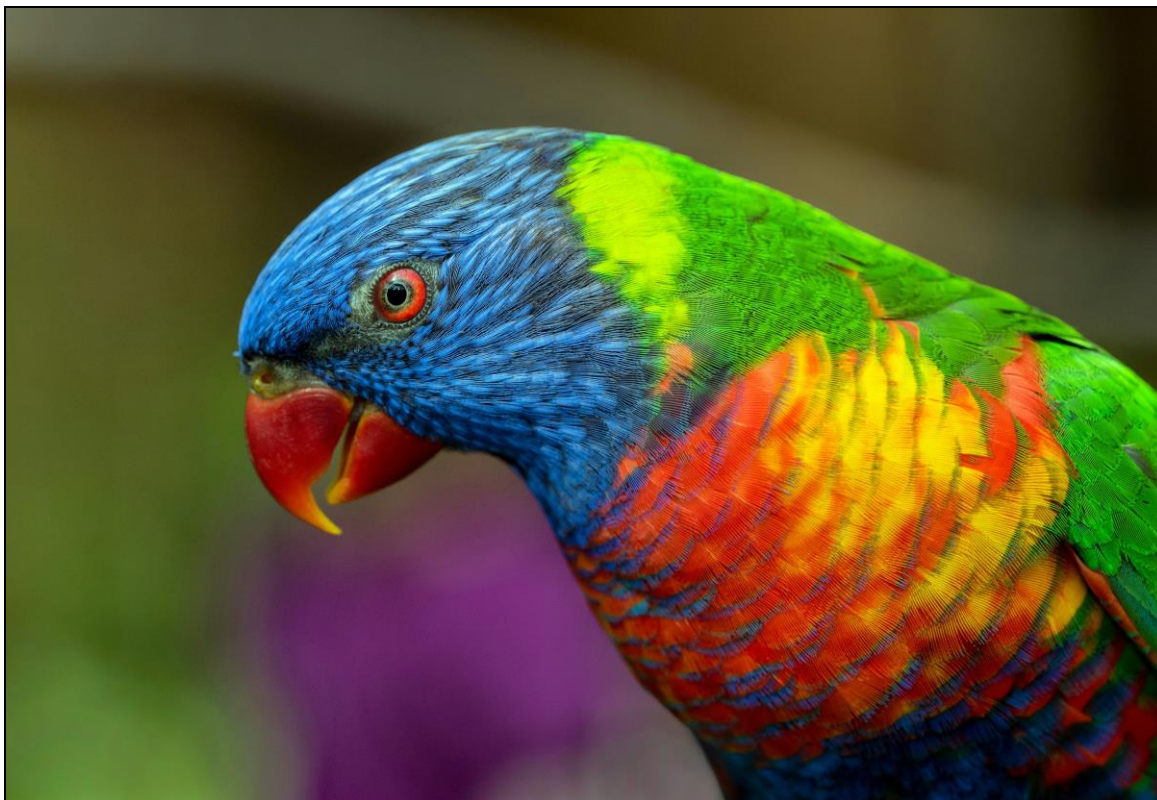
ANSWER: (d) The Invasive Species Control Council of Australia.



QUIZ 65

Onya Wallaby - Our Birds

Foreigners often comment positively about how lovely our bird life is because they come from mega cities where birds have for the most part disappeared. Below we concentrate on some of our most often seen or heard Aussie birds.



Rainbow Lorikeet – Photo: David Clode - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Outback Towns

I can be seen circling above most outback towns - some say especially near rubbish tips. I am a bird of prey, a type of Kite. Silhouetted against the sky, I seem dark coloured and my forked tail stands out. This alludes to my 2 common names. Can you guess either of them? They are BK or FTK.

ANSWER: It is the Fork Tailed Kite which is also known as the Black Kite. A resident of Central Australia, it has in recent years begun to extend its range southward.

QUESTION 2: Southern Australia

I am small but still catch peoples' attention. I am often seen hopping around with my tail in the air. We have 4 letters in our name starting with W.

ANSWER: We are the wrens.

QUESTION 3: His two little mates

Everyone knows our Magpie. His little mate, who is also black and white, also often forages near him in open grassy areas. His common name is the Magpie Lark. His other name is the sound of their call. Do you know what it is?

ANSWER: It is “Pee Wee Pee Wee”.

His other even smaller mate is also black and white and also hangs around open areas. His initials are WW. Can you guess it? It flits up and down.

ANSWER: It is the attention grabbing Willie Wagtail.

Kids Only QUESTION

What type of bird do the West Coast AFL team wear on their footy jumpers?

ANSWER: An eagle.

QUESTION 4: Not eaten on Thanksgiving!

Tourists visiting National Parks from Byron Bay to Cape York may encounter this ground dwelling bird scratching the forest floor to either find food or to adjust the temperature on their incubation mound. Their initials are BT. What do you call them?

ANSWER: We call them Bush Turkeys.

QUESTION 5: All the colours of the what?

They are one of our many parrot species. They are a species of Lorikeet. Their plumage, it is said, contains all the colours of the rainbow. They are noisy feeders. They are?

ANSWER: Yes, it is the Rainbow Lorikeet.

QUESTION 6: Magnificent blue

This bird is commonly seen by tourists around swamps and lakes in many parts of Australia. It is about the size of a chook. It has magnificent purple/blue plumage and a bright redcap. Its initials are SH. Can you guess its name?

ANSWER: It is the Swamp Hen.

Kids Only QUESTION

I am the biggest eagle in Australia. What is my name?

ANSWER: The Wedgetail Eagle.

QUESTION 7: Outback spectacle

This small Australian Parrot flies in flocks of thousands. They say there is safety in numbers. It is popular as a cage bird worldwide. What are we called?

ANSWER: We are the budgerigar.

QUESTION 8: Fisherman

Tourists will see us along the coast and on inland waterways. We dive to catch fish. We are a common species. We are black and white. We are the PC.

ANSWER: We are the Pied Cormorants.

QUESTION 9: A gruesome reputation

These birds have a name which suggests they dismember smaller birds. Their song is cheerful. It adds positively to the outdoor experience. It is very plain in colour. Their initials are GB. Can you guess what their name is?

ANSWER: It is the Grey Butcherbird.

Kids Only QUESTION

What is the Wedge-Tailed Eagle's most popular nickname?

ANSWER: The Wedgie!

QUESTION 10: Monarch

Australia has many attractive parrot species. In one species, the male has rich Emerald Green over its body and a brilliant red/orange on parts of its head. It is often very comfortable interacting with tourists. Its name suggests it is held in high esteem. Can you guess what species of parrot it is?

ANSWER: It is the King Parrot.

QUESTION 11: My other name

I am sometimes called a Mopoke because of my call at night. It is a feature when camped in the Australian bush at night. My real name is BBO. What is this name?

ANSWER: I am the Boobook Owl.

QUESTION 12: A tasty meal

Wedge-tailed eagles can often be seen on the roadside feeding on dead animals. What do we call this? Your options are breakfast, lunch, dinner or road kill.

ANSWER: Road kill.

QUESTION 13: Master mimic

True or False? The Lyrebird is called the Master Mimic because the male is an expert at imitating the calls of several other birds.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 14: Fact or fiction

Male Cassowaries and male Emus raise their chicks after the females lay their eggs.

Fact or Fiction?

ANSWER: Fact! After the females lay the eggs, the female leaves and the male looks after the chicks until they become independent.

QUIZ 66

Onya Wallaby - Our Marsupials



Koala – Photo: Christine Ellsay - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: What am I?

I am a marsupial of the desert country. I am common and widespread but I am rarely seen. I eat ants, termites, other insects and seeds. I am blind. My initials are MM.

ANSWER: Marsupial Mole.

QUESTION 2: How many species?

Does Queensland have 2, 3, 4 or 5 species of Tree Kangaroos?

ANSWER: They have 3 species of Tree Kangaroo.

QUESTION 3: Queensland

In North Queensland tourists can see some unique species of Kangaroo.

They are unique because

- (a) they live in the mangroves
- (b) They are miniature kangaroos that live on the rainforest floor
- (c) They are Tree Kangaroos that live in the tops of the trees
- (d) They are unique because they sometimes hop backwards

ANSWER: (c) They are Tree Kangaroos that live in the tops of the trees.

Kids Only QUESTION

Can you name one type of Marsupial that lives in trees?

ANSWER: Your answer could include Possums,
Koalas and Tree Kangaroos.

QUESTION 4: Aquatic

I can be seen by tourists in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

I can be badly affected by water pollution. I am a monotreme. I live in rivers, creeks and lakes.

I am the?

ANSWER: Platypus.

QUESTION 5: Lucky

We are mainly nocturnal. We are not common but tourists can see us if they are lucky.

We are carnivores of cat size. One of our species can be seen in the Top End, one up our East Coast and one in Tasmania. We are all species of what? Clue = Q.

ANSWER: Quoll

QUESTION 6: Hang around

We are nocturnal. We come in 4 species. We hang around in large numbers. We are important pollinators. Some people dislike us. They say we smell. We are mammals but not marsupials. We are FF.

ANSWER: We are the Flying Foxes.

Kids Only QUESTION

Are Crocodiles mammals, marsupials or reptiles?

ANSWER: Reptiles. That is, they are cold blooded!

QUESTION 7: How many?

Are there 2 or 3 species of Kangaroo on the Australian mainland?

ANSWER: 3. The Red Kangaroo and the Eastern and Western Grey Kangaroos.

QUESTION 8: How many Possums?

Australia has how many species of possum? Your choices are:

(a) 5-10 (b) 10-15 (c) 15-19 (d) More than twenty

ANSWER: (d). According to Leonard Cronin's 'Key Guide to Australian Mammals' there are 22 species of possums in Australia.

QUESTION 9: Most species

Which of these types of mammals is the most common in Australia?

(a) Possums (b) Microbats (c) Wallabies (d) Bandicoots

ANSWER: Microbats - although not often seen are the most common with 32 species listed in Leonard Cronin's Book 'A Key Guide to Australian Mammals'.

Kids Only QUESTION

Is the Tasmanian Devil a carnivore, an omnivore or a vegetarian?

ANSWER: It is mainly a meat eater (therefore a carnivore).

QUESTION 10: Sea mammals

If travelling around the coast of Australia clockwise from Melbourne, list 4 sea mammals you might be likely to see?

ANSWER: Along the Victorian Coast you could see Fur Seals. In South and Western Australia you could see Sea Lions. On the north coast you could see Dugongs, and in all those areas you could see Dolphins, Humpback Whales and Southern Right Whales.

QUESTION 11: Predator

If visiting Uluru and K'gari (formerly Fraser Island) what predator species would a visitor to Australia be likely to see?

ANSWER: The Dingo.

QUESTION 12: Neither a reptile nor native

Which of the following is not a reptile and not a native animal?
A Tiger Snake, a Carpet Python, a Goanna or a Cane Toad?

ANSWER: The Cane Toad.

QUESTION 13: In the rear

Which Marsupial, it is suggested, is the only Marsupial with a rear opening pouch?

ANSWER: The Wombat.



QUIZ 67

Onya Wallaby - Our Fabulous Flora

Australia has unique flora given its having developed in isolation from the other continents since our separation from Gondwanaland. Both overseas visitors and Australians notice our unique and distinctive flora.



Golden Wattle – Photo: April Pethybridge - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Big!

Visiting the South West of Western Australia, what large eucalypt would you see in its National Parks? My name begins with J.

ANSWER: The mighty Jarrah.

QUESTION 2: Common Wildflowers

Below are the first 3 letters of 4 common types of native plants. Can you guess 2 of them?

Ban ...

Gre ...

Wat ...

Hak ...

ANSWER: Banksias, Grevilleas, Wattles and Hakeas

QUESTION 3: Mallee

These low growing, multi stemmed eucalypts often have colourful flowers which are popular with:

- (a) Honeyeaters
- (b) Bee Keepers
- (c) Tourists
- (d) All of the above

ANSWER: (d) All of the above

Kids Only QUESTION

What colour are most wattle flowers?

ANSWER: Yellow.

QUESTION 4: Oil

Fact or fiction? Mallee Eucalypts are most often used to make Eucalyptus oil because they are high in oils and the trees coppice or regrow from their underground lignotuber when cut.

ANSWER: Fact.

QUESTION 5: Central Victoria

In the National Parks and State Forests of the Goldfields in Central Victoria, 2 types of eucalypts dominate. To tourists, they are known as the B and I B forests. Can you name them? One name refers to an object made from cardboard that we store or transport products in. The second refers to a common type of metal.

ANSWER: They are the Box group of Eucalyptus and the Iron Barks.

QUESTION 6: Tassie trees

In its high altitude, ancient forests in Tassie have some unique and ancient tree species. One sought after species for furniture and woodworkers is the KBP. What is the KBP?

ANSWER: It is the King Billy Pine.

Kids Only QUESTION

Which of these native plants is edible? The Banksia or the Quandong?

ANSWER: The Quandong. John Williamson once wrote a song about growing up in the Victorian Mallee. He sung that “his Grandma once made a jar of Quandong jam for my brother and me”. He went on to sing the “the Quandong tree is like the Mallee fowl that you hardly ever see”.

QUESTION 7: The Kimberley

I am the most iconic tree of the Kimberley. My name starts with B. What am I?

ANSWER: I am the amazing Boab tree.

QUESTION 8: Central Australia

I am an iconic tree of the gorges of Central Australia. My initials are GG. Can you identify me?

ANSWER: I am the Ghost Gum. My botanical name is Eucalyptus Papuana.

QUESTION 9: Desert Country

What low growing plant dominates and provides a prickly refuge for a variety of animals? Hint: SP.

ANSWER: Spinifex.

QUESTION 10: The Murray-Darling Basin

What is the iconic tree of the watercourses of the Murray-Darling Basin?

ANSWER: It is our River Red Gum. Also known as *Eucalyptus Camaldulensis*.

QUESTION 11: Northern Australia

In Waltzing Matilda, what sort of Gum Tree did the Swagman seek shade under?

ANSWER: It was the Coolabah Tree.

QUESTION 12:

What colour flowers does the Darwin Woollybutt have? Are they red, yellow or orange?

ANSWER: They are a beautiful vibrant orange.

QUESTION 13:

Beautiful white and grey trunks. You are visiting Mount Buffalo, Mount Buller, Mount Bogong, Falls Creek and Mount Hotham. What type of Gum Tree would dominate all these 5 locations?

ANSWER: Snow gums.



QUIZ 68

Onya Wallaby - Our Great Dividing Range



Three Sisters – Photo: Dominic Kurniawan-Suryaputra - UnSplash Licence

QUESTION 1: Its beginnings

The Great Dividing Range begins in the far north near the tip of what Cape?

ANSWER: It begins near Cape York.

QUESTION 2: Start to Finish

From start to finish the GDR goes through what states and which Territory?

ANSWER: Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

QUESTION 3: Highest points

What are its highest individual mountains in either Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria? Choose one.

ANSWER: Mount Bartle Freer in Queensland, Mount Kosciuszko in New South Wales and Mount Bogong in Victoria.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false. Canberra is very close to the Brindabella Mountains and the Great Dividing Range.

ANSWER: Yes, it's true Canberra is very close to the GDR.

QUESTION 4: Rivers East

Rivers flowing east of the GDR empty into what sea or ocean?

ANSWER: The Coral Sea, The Pacific Ocean, The Tasman Sea.

QUESTION 5: Rivers West

Rivers flowing west of the GDR flow into what major and important geographic zone? Clue: MDB

ANSWER: The Murray Darling Basin.

QUESTION 6: Height

How high is the highest point on the GDR? Your choices are 1980m, 2248 m or 2228 m.

ANSWER: 2228 m.

Kids Only QUESTION

True or false? The Great Dividing Range runs in a north/south direction.

ANSWER: True.

QUESTION 7: Oldest

Which is oldest - the GDR or the Himalayas?

ANSWER: The GDR is much older than the Himalayas and has been worn down over time much more by wind and rain. It was originally similar in height.

QUESTION 8: Bonus points

Score 3 bonus points for each correct answer below. Your challenge is to name the state in which each of the following 'high' points exist.

- (a) The Atherton Tablelands
- (b) The Baw Baw Plateau
- (c) The Barrington Tops
- (d) The Blue Mountains
- (e) The Grampians

ANSWER:

- (a) The Atherton Tablelands - Queensland
- (b) The Baw Baw Plateau - Victoria
- (c) The Barrington Tops - New South Wales
- (d) The Blue Mountains - New South Wales
- (e) The Grampians - Victoria

QUESTION 9: Not connected

Which 3 Australian states are not part of our Great Dividing Range?

ANSWER: South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

QUESTION 10: Not connected

In Victoria, what popular rock climbing mountain (near Horsham) is at the southern end of the GDR?

ANSWER: Mount Arapiles.

QUESTION 11: What ocean?

Water from rivers flowing west of the GDR in southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales end up in what ocean?

ANSWER: The Southern Ocean.

Kids Only QUESTION

Which of the following state Capital Cities is not close to the Great Dividing Range?

Your choices are Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth.

ANSWER: Hobart and Perth.

QUESTION 12: What river system?

What river system does rain water ending up in the Southern Ocean flow via?

ANSWER: The Murray / Darling.

QUESTION 13: Who?

Who were the first explorers to cross the Blue Mountains and The Great Dividing Range in 1813?

ANSWER: Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson.

QUESTION 12: How long?

How long is the Great Dividing Range? Your choices are about 250 kms, about 500 kms, about 750 kms or over 1500 kms?

ANSWER: Over 1500 kms.

QUESTION 13: Which one?

Which of the towns listed is not located on or near the Great Divide? Your choices are Cooma, Atherton, Orange, Jindabyne.

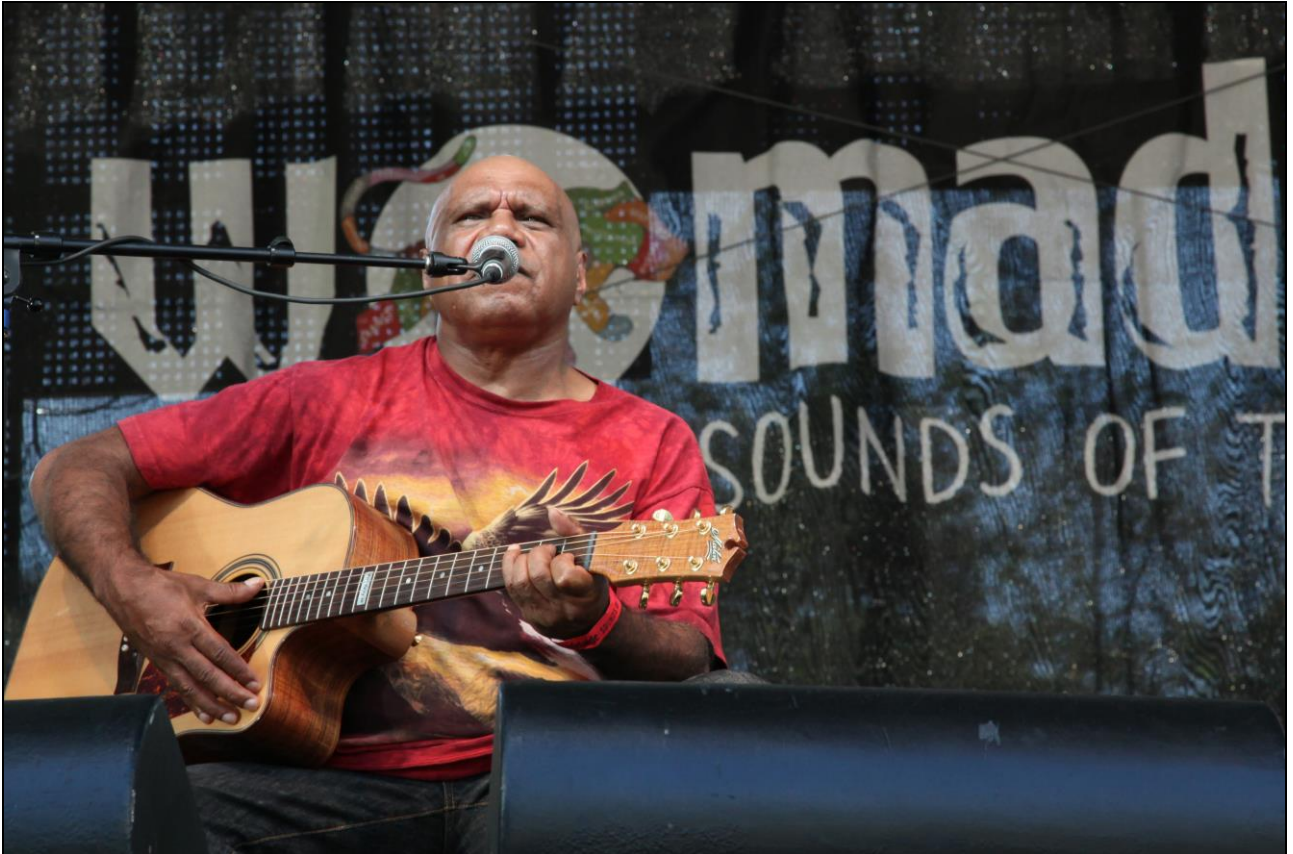
ANSWER: Orange.



QUIZ 69

Onya Wallaby - Aussie Heroes

There are many Aussie heroes both living and dead. This is just a few. Not all were born here but they have made Australia home.



Archie Roach – Photo: Nichollas Harrison - Creative Commons by SA 3.0 Licence

HERO 1:

He was a humanitarian and an eye doctor who helped restore the sight of many First Australians and people from several developing countries. Who was he?

ANSWER: Fred Hollows.

HERO 2:

She made us all proud at the Sydney Olympics winning the 400m gold medal.

ANSWER: This champion athlete was Cathy Freeman.

HERO 3:

Other test match batsmen are still in awe of his test match batting average. He was?

ANSWER: Sir Donald Bradman. His test batting average of 99 remains almost double than that of any other batsman to play the game of cricket since.

Kids Only QUESTION

Who wrote 'Waltzing Matilda'?

ANSWER: Banjo Paterson.

HERO 4:

People say she was Australia's first International Superstar. A highway was named after her. Her initials were DNM.

ANSWER: Dame Nellie Melba.

HERO 5:

He was a prisoner on the Thai Burma railway in World War Two. His initials were WD. He led his men by example.

ANSWER: He was Weary Dunlop.

HERO 6:

He was a very dignified First Nation artist. His initials were AN.

ANSWER: He was Albert Namatjira.

Kids Only QUESTION

He was a spin bowler. A leg spin bowler. They say he bowled the ball of the century. His initials were SW.

ANSWER: Shane Warne.

HERO 7:

He showed great perseverance and determination. His name became known across Australia after he won a famous high court battle that was named after him. His initials were EM.

ANSWER: His name was Eddie Mabo.

HERO 8:

He is Scottish by birth but became an Aussie through his song writing. He is a prolific songwriter. His best-known songs are 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda' and 'No Man's Land'. His initials are EB.

ANSWER: Eric Bogle.

HERO 9:

He was an Australian Scientist who worked at Oxford University. He led the team that helped make Penicillin available to people worldwide. His initials were HF.

ANSWER: Howard Florey.

Kids Only QUESTION

She won Wimbledon and the Australian Open Tennis Championship in 2022 then retired. Her initials are AB.

ANSWER: Ash Barty.

HERO 10:

He was an Olympian and a wheel chair athlete who won many Olympic and Commonwealth Games medals. His initials are KF.

ANSWER: He is Kurt Fearnley.

HERO 11:

She is from Sydney and is a seaside resident. She won several Swimming Olympic games medals. Her initials are DF.

ANSWER: Dawn Fraser.

HERO 12:

He wrote several well-known and iconic Aussie songs and poems. They include 'Clancy of the Overflow'. His initials were BP.

ANSWER: Banjo Paterson.

HERO 13:

He died in 2023. He was a member of the Stolen Generation. His initials were AR. He wrote 'They took the Children Away'. Who was he?

ANSWER: He was First Nation singer and song writer Archie Roach.

HERO 14:

He wrote many poems about life out bush. His initials were HL.

ANSWER: Henry Lawson.

Kids Only QUESTION

He was another Scotsman who became an Aussie through his music. He was the lead singer for Rock Band 'Cold Chisel'. He later became respected as a father and a family man. His initials are JB.

ANSWER: Jimmy Barnes.

HERO 15:

Who was the first to fly across the Pacific and the first to establish a base in the Antarctic? Their initials were RKS and DM.

ANSWER: Sir Ross Kingsford-Smith flew across the Pacific and Douglas Mawson was our hero in Antarctic exploration. Both have appeared on our currency.

HERO 16:

He drove Holden Commodores and Toranas very fast and very successfully for many years. He was an icon of Australian Motorsport. His initials were PB.

ANSWER: Peter Brock.

HERO 17:

She was born in England but moved to Australia when she was young. She was a pop singer who became famous in the USA. Despite this, she remained a Melbourne girl. She set up a cancer treatment centre at the Austin Hospital. She first became well known from her leading role in the film Grease. She was:

ANSWER: Olivia Newton John.



QUIZ 70

Onya Wallaby - All Things Aussie



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QUESTION 1:

On ANZAC Day after the march, veterans would often play what very Aussie game?

ANSWER: Two up!

QUESTION 2:

Food gathered out bush is what Aussies call BT. What is BT?

ANSWER: Bush Tucker.

QUESTION 3:

When First Australian people disappeared, white fellas would often explain it using the phrase “he or she has gone” what?

ANSWER: “Gone walkabout”.

Kids Only QUESTION

Bread cooked on a fire (in Aussie lingo) is called what?

ANSWER: Damper.

QUESTION 4: True or false?

True or false? If you said a person was just wearing their 'birthday suit' you would mean they were naked.

ANSWER: It is 100% true!

QUESTION 5: Jackaroo

Where would a Jackaroo work? Your choices are in a factory, on a train or on an Outback cattle station?

ANSWER: Outback cattle station.

QUESTION 6: Jillaroo

True or False? A Jillaroo is a female Outback farm worker.

ANSWER: True. They are most common on Outback Cattle Stations.

Kids Only QUESTION

Can you name a First Australians musical instrument beginning with D?

ANSWER: Didgeridoo.

QUESTION 7: Who was it?

Which Aussie actor starred in the advertisement aimed at American tourists saying he would put “another shrimp on the barbie”?

ANSWER: Paul Hogan (alias Mick “Crocodile” Dundee).

QUESTION 8:

Colin Hay sang what iconic Aussie song?

ANSWER: Down under. Colin Hay was the lead singer of Aussie band ‘Men at work’.

QUESTION 9:

The Aussie Cavalry in World War One was known as what? Two words. LH.

ANSWER: The Light Horse.

Kids Only QUESTION

In Australian slang does ‘tucker’ means something you wear or food you eat?

ANSWER: Food you eat!

QUESTION 10: Not West Wyalong!

I am a town in country New South Wales. I have a first Australian name made up of two words which both start with W.

ANSWER: Either Wagga Wagga or Wee Waa would be acceptable as an answer.

QUESTION 11: There are over 250 types or species of us!

I am all types of Aussie what? Type one is Shining, type two is Mountain Grey, type three is Manna, type four is River Red, type 5 is Red Flowering and type six is Snow. We are all types of what?

ANSWER: Gum trees.

QUESTION 12: Not found anywhere else!

I am said to be a type of Aussie identified by the way we all dress. Nygan claims to have a giant version of one of us. Our name starts with B. I am a what?

ANSWER: A Bogan.

Kids Only QUESTION

According to First Nation belief what creature lives in the bottom of some waterholes? Your choices are Jumbucks, Bogans, Giant Bilbies or Bunyips?

ANSWER: Bunyips.

QUESTION 13: On whose back?

Referring to our economy, Australia it was once said, rode forward on the back of what animal?

ANSWER: The answer is 'on the sheep's back'.

QUESTION 14: A gift from Auntie!

The song on the ABC says something like "I am, you are, we are all what?"

ANSWER: Australian.

QUESTION 15: Mad famous by Qantas

I wrote a song that Qantas used in their TV advertisements. Its chorus was “I still call Australia home”. My initials were PA.

ANSWER: Peter Allen.

QUESTION 16: Bonus points.

For 3 bonus points, name one Aussie business or company that makes or sells the following:

- (a) Work boots
- (b) Bush hats
- (c) Surf gear
- (d) Overseas air travel
- (e) Meat pies
- (f) Work Clothes
- (g) Underwear
- (h) Clothes Lines
- (i) Lawn Mowers

ANSWER:

- (a) Work boots - Blundstone
- (b) Bush hats - Akubra
- (c) Surf gear - Billabong
- (d) Overseas air travel - QANTAS
- (e) Meat pies - Four'N Twenty
- (f) Work Clothes - Yakka
- (g) Underwear - Bonds
- (h) Clothes Lines - The Hills Hoist
- (i) Lawn Mowers - Victa



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