

Australia Trivia Quiz

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1. What is the name of the bent throwing stick used by Australian Aboriginals for hunting, warfare, music, and fire-starting?

- A) Boomerang**
- B) Kylie
- C) Woomera
- D) Javelin

2. Known as macropods, kangaroos are mostly native to which Southern Hemisphere country?

- A) New Zealand
- B) South Africa
- C) Australia**
- D) Argentina

3. The ANZUS Agreement of 1951 is a security agreement between Australia, the United States, and what other island nation?

- A) Fiji
- B) New Zealand**
- C) Papua New Guinea
- D) Indonesia

4. Tooheys, Victoria Bitter, and Coopers are popular "bevvies" from which Southern Hemisphere country?

- A) Canada
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Australia**
- D) Ireland

5. Australia's third-largest island is named for what animal, which is native to the country and appears on its Coat of Arms alongside an emu?

- A) Koala
- B) Kangaroo**
- C) Platypus
- D) Echidna

6. What tremendous three-word site off the coast of Queensland is the world's largest coral system?

- A) Great Barrier Reef**
- B) Whitsunday Islands
- C) Fraser Island
- D) Daintree Rainforest

7. In which city can you visit the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens?

- A) Sydney
- B) Melbourne
- C) Hobart**
- D) Brisbane

8. Many of the futuristic locations in what iconic 1999 Keanu Reeves film are actually in Sydney, Australia?

- A) The Matrix**
- B) Inception
- C) Blade Runner
- D) Mad Max

9. What nation has the world's highest minimum wage, at \$21.38 AUD per hour?

- A) Norway
- B) Switzerland
- C) Australia**
- D) Luxembourg

10. Tom Hanks quarantined in Australia after contracting COVID-19 while shooting a film where he will play the manager of what "King of Rock 'n' Roll"?

- A) Elvis Presley**
- B) Buddy Holly
- C) Chuck Berry
- D) Little Richard

11. What iconic Australian building, designed by Jørn Utzon, prominently featured green lighting for its first St. Patrick's Day celebration in 2010?

- A) Sydney Opera House**
- B) Melbourne Cricket Ground
- C) Uluru
- D) Bondi Beach

12. Having nothing to do with Bruce Wayne, what city and capital of Victoria was once known as Batmania?

- A) Perth
- B) Adelaide
- C) Brisbane
- D) Melbourne**

13. After less than two years in his office, what prominent Australian politician disappeared in December 1967 and was never seen again?

- A) Robert Menzies
- B) Harold Holt**
- C) Gough Whitlam
- D) Bob Hawke

14. What iconic Australian beach has the Icebergs ocean pool and gets its name from an Aboriginal word meaning "water breaking over rocks"?

- A) Bondi Beach**
- B) Surfers Paradise
- C) Manly Beach
- D) Coogee Beach

15. In January 2017, Serena Williams won her 23rd Grand Slam singles title at a tennis open in what very southern nation?

- A) New Zealand
- B) South Africa
- C) Australia**
- D) Argentina

16. The elongated arch shape of Sydney's Harbour Bridge has led locals to give it a nickname after what item that you might find in a closet?

- A) Coat hanger**
- B) Bottle opener
- C) Can opener
- D) Keyring

17. What Melbourne native's biggest hits in the U.S. include "Can't Get You Out of My Head" and a cover of "The Loco-Motion"?

- A) Olivia Newton-John
- B) Kylie Minogue**
- C) Natalie Imbruglia
- D) Delta Goodrem

18. In February 1942, which northerly Australian city was bombed by Japanese aircraft, resulting in over 200 casualties?

- A) Darwin**
- B) Cairns
- C) Broome
- D) Townsville

19. What is the "A" type of spirit which suggests Australian and New Zealand soldiers possess shared characteristics, rising in popularity from World War I actions?

- A) Anzac spirit**
- B) Bushwhacker spirit
- C) Outback spirit
- D) mateship spirit

20. What city, the state capital of South Australia, shares its name with a character from the musical "Guys and Dolls"?

- A) Adelaide**
- B) Perth
- C) Brisbane
- D) Canberra

21. The 1854 Eureka Rebellion in Australia was in part a protest following what get-rich-quick event of the 1850s?

- A) Gold rush**
- B) Sheep boom
- C) Land grab
- D) Whale oil discovery

22. What snack brand, consisting of two malted biscuits with a chocolate cream filling coated in chocolate, was introduced to Australia in 1964 by Arnott's?

- A) Tim Tam**
- B) Violet Crumble
- C) Caramello Koala
- D) Mint Slice

23. The car company Holden, now owned by General Motors, began in 1948 in which Southern Hemisphere country?

- A) Canada
- B) New Zealand
- C) South Africa
- D) Australia**

24. Beginning in 1966, the Royal Australian Mint introduced a twenty-cent piece featuring what egg-laying mammal on its reverse side?

- A) Platypus**
- B) Echidna
- C) Kangaroo
- D) Koala

25. Which species of bird, found in Australia, is the second-largest living bird by height after the ostrich?

- A) Emu**
- B) Cassowary
- C) Kookaburra
- D) Lyrebird

26. What tennis star, whose last name is the same as the Japanese city where she was born, won the women's singles competition at the 2021 Australian Open?

- A) Naomi Osaka**
- B) Ashleigh Barty
- C) Simona Halep
- D) Angelique Kerber

27. What festively-named island in the Indian Ocean, roughly 200 miles south of Indonesia, is one of Australia's seven external territories?

- A) Christmas Island**
- B) Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- C) Ashmore and Cartier Islands
- D) Heard Island and McDonald Islands

28. Novak Djokovic's refusal to get vaccinated against COVID-19 rendered him unable to play in a January 2022 Grand Slam tennis tournament because he was deported from what country?

- A) United States
- B) France
- C) Australia**
- D) Spain

29. What is the largest city in Western Australia, which is actually closer to Bali, Indonesia than to the Australian capital Canberra?

- A) Fremantle
- B) Perth**
- C) Geraldton
- D) Bunbury

30. What "K" word is a nature reserve in Australia's Northern Territory, containing Aboriginal sites such as Nourlangie and Ubirr?

- A) Kakadu**
- B) Kuring-gai
- C) Kosciuszko
- D) Kangaroo Valley

31. What 1986 film is the highest-grossing Australian movie of all time?

- A) Mad Max
- B) Crocodile Dundee**
- C) Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
- D) Babe

32. In a 1977 referendum to choose the national anthem, "Advance Australia Fair" won; what "dancing" tune came in second?

- A) Waltzing Matilda**
- B) Click Go The Shears
- C) Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport
- D) The Man From Snowy River

33. Mount Kosciuszko, the tallest mountain in Australia, is located in what state?

- A) Queensland
- B) Victoria
- C) New South Wales**
- D) South Australia

34. What two-word name is given to the puffy, dark myrtle-green hats worn by Australian Test cricketers?

- A) Baggy green**
- B) Bush hat
- C) Cricket cap
- D) Wide brim

35. Despite having less than 2,000 people living there, the Australian town of Coober Pedy is considered the "world capital" of what gemstone?

- A) Opal**
- B) Diamond
- C) Sapphire
- D) Emerald