

# Talk a Lot

## Australia

### Discussion Questions

1 . Have you ever been to Australia?  If yes, tell me about it. If no, would you like to? What do you think of when you hear the word “Australia”?

2 . Australia is the only country in the world that is also a whole continent! The landscape and climate are very varied, ranging from tropical in the north-east, to desert in the centre, and urban/beach at the coastal resorts. Tell me about the landscape and climate in *your* country. How does it compare?

3 . Australia has some of the strangest animals in the world! Because of its island location, it was a closed ecosystem for millennia, and many exotic creatures developed there which are unique to Australia, such as the duck-billed platypus. Tell me about the weird and wonderful wildlife in *your* country.

4 . Australia is home to some of the world’s most famous people, including actors, like Cate Blanchett and Russell Crowe, and sports stars, such as Shane Warne. Tell me about famous people from *your* country.

5 . One of the biggest issues facing Australia today is climate change. How has *your* country been affected by this phenomenon, and what are *you* doing to help reduce the impact of climate change?

6 . When you go on holiday are you a tourist or a traveller?   
What are the main differences between each kind of visitor?

7 . In Australia there is a tradition, handed down by Aboriginal Australians, to “go walkabout” – which means to go travelling for an extended period of time. Would you give up your education or work for a year and go travelling? Why? / Why not? Where would you like to visit? How would you kill time?

8 . Are you a fan of Australian culture? Have you ever had any problems understanding the Australian accent? Do you know any Australian slang?