

# Talk a Lot

## Australia

### Discussion Words

rainforest	Sydney	Aboriginal Australians	kangaroo
Pacific Ocean	didgeridoo	minerals	Brisbane
walkabout	Queensland	footy	great white shark
mining	barbie	climate change	Outback
koala bear	Shane Warne	forest fire	emu
coast	Canberra	Uluru	Kylie Minogue
duck-billed platypus	soap opera	Barossa Valley	drought
melting pot	convict	Sydney Opera House	Gallipoli
boomerang	Great Barrier Reef	pom	Captain Cook
transportation	Cate Blanchett	immigration	gold rush

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### Discussion Words (with the IPA)

/ˈreɪn.fʊ.rɪst/	/ˈsɪd.ni/	/æ.bə.rɪ.dʒɪ.nə. ɒ'streɪ.lɪənz/	/kæŋ.gəˈruː/
/pə.sɪ.fɪˈkəʊ.ʃən/	/dɪ.dʒə.riˈduːz/	/ˈmɪn.rəlz/	/ˈbrɪz.bən/
/ˈwɔː.kə.baʊt/	/ˈkwɪːnz.lənd/	/ˈfʊt.i/	/greɪʔ.waɪʔˈfɑːk/
/ˈmaɪ.nɪŋ/	/ˈbɑː.bi/	/ˈklaɪ.məʔ.tʃeɪndʒ/	/ˈaʊʔ.bæk/
/kəʊˈwɑː.lə.beə/	/ʃeɪnˈwɔːn/	/fʊ.rəsˈfaɪə/	/ˈɪː.mjuː/
/kəʊst/	/ˈkæm.bə.rə/	/uː.ləˈruːz/	/kaɪ.li.mɪˈnəʊg/
/dʌk.bɪl.ˈplæ.tɪ.pʊs/	/ˈsəʊ.pə.prə/	/bəˈrɒ.sə.væ.li/	/draʊt/
/ˈmel.tɪŋ.pɒt/	/ˈkɒn.vɪkt/	/sɪd.nɪˈjɒ.prə.haʊs/	/gəˈlɪ.pə.li/
/ˈbuː.mə.ræŋ/	/greɪʔ.bæ.rɪəˈrɪːf/	/pɒm/	/kæp.tɪnˈkʊk/
/træn.spɔːˈteɪ.ʃən/	/keɪʔˈblæn.tʃɪt/	/ɪ.mɪˈgreɪ.ʃən/	/ˈgəʊl.drʌʃ/

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### Discussion Words – Glossary

In this unit, you'll probably find some words and phrases which are not in your dictionary. This glossary is intended to help you understand what the discussion words mean. You could translate them into your language, where possible:

1. **Aboriginal Australians** (*people*: the original Australians, who arrived there over 40,000 years ago)
2. **barbie** (*slang*: barbecue) \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Barossa Valley** (*place*: major wine-producing region in South Australia) \_\_\_\_\_
4. **boomerang** (*noun*: curved wooden toy that returns if you throw it) \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Brisbane** (*place*: capital city of the state of Queensland. Pop. 1.9m) \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Canberra** (*place*: capital city of Australia. Pop. 345,257) \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Captain Cook** (*person*: b.1728, d.1779; English explorer who claimed Australia for Great Britain in 1770)
8. **Cate Blanchett** (*person*: b.1969; famous Hollywood actress) \_\_\_\_\_
9. **climate change** (*noun*: world weather trend caused by rising temperatures) \_\_\_\_\_
10. **coast** (*noun*: land which meets the sea) \_\_\_\_\_
11. **convict** (*noun*: old-fashioned term for a prisoner) \_\_\_\_\_
12. **didgeridoo** (*noun*: wind instrument invented by Aboriginal Australians) \_\_\_\_\_
13. **drought** (*noun*: period of months or years when there is no rain) \_\_\_\_\_
14. **duck-billed platypus** (*animal*: strange-looking animal that can live in water and on land) \_\_\_\_\_
15. **emu** (*animal*: tall bird that can't fly and can't walk backwards, but can run at up to 31 mph) \_\_\_\_\_
16. **footy** (*slang*: football, especially Australian Rules Football) \_\_\_\_\_
17. **forest fire** (*noun*: wildfire which damages a wide area of vegetation) \_\_\_\_\_
18. **Gallipoli** (*place*: battle site in Turkey commemorated for loss of many Australian soldiers in 1915-16) \_\_\_\_\_
19. **gold rush** (*noun*: when gold is discovered and many people travel to excavate it) \_\_\_\_\_
20. **Great Barrier Reef** (*place*: largest coral reef on earth, off coast of Queensland in the Coral Sea) \_\_\_\_\_
21. **great white shark** (*animal*: shark that can grow to more than 6 metres in length) \_\_\_\_\_
22. **immigration** (*noun*: when people move to a new country to live) \_\_\_\_\_
23. **kangaroo** (*animal*: large jumping marsupial that keeps its baby in a pouch) \_\_\_\_\_
24. **koala bear** (*animal*: small tree-dwelling marsupial that eats mainly eucalyptus leaves) \_\_\_\_\_
25. **Kylie Minogue** (*person*: b.1968; the most famous Australian pop star; originally a TV actress) \_\_\_\_\_
26. **melting pot** (*idiom*: idea that different nationalities and cultures can blend together in the same country)
27. **minerals** (*noun*: precious items found in the ground, e.g. diamonds) \_\_\_\_\_
28. **mining** (*noun*: the activity of taking things from the ground) \_\_\_\_\_
29. **Outback** (*place*: remote, barren, desert-like parts of Australia) \_\_\_\_\_
30. **Pacific Ocean** (*place*: the largest ocean in the world; its name means "Peaceful Sea") \_\_\_\_\_
31. **pom** (*slang*: English person; considered offensive by some) \_\_\_\_\_
32. **Queensland** (*place*: Australia's third-largest state, by population) \_\_\_\_\_
33. **rainforest** (*noun*: hot, tropical forest where a lot of rain falls) \_\_\_\_\_
34. **Shane Warne** (*person*: b.1969; the most famous Australian spin-bowler (cricketer) in modern times) \_\_\_\_\_
35. **soap opera** (*noun*: daily or regular TV drama which has a continuing storyline) \_\_\_\_\_
36. **Sydney** (*place*: capital city of New South Wales, and the largest city in Australia. Pop. 4.4m) \_\_\_\_\_
37. **Sydney Opera House** (*place*: world famous performing arts centre and landmark in Sydney) \_\_\_\_\_
38. **transportation** (*noun*: the practice of taking convicts from Britain to Australia in 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries) \_\_\_\_\_
39. **Uluru** (*place*: famous natural landmark in the centre of the country; formerly named Ayers Rock) \_\_\_\_\_
40. **walkabout** (*noun*: the practice of going travelling for an extended period of time) \_\_\_\_\_

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Discussion Words – Visualisations

