

AUSTRALIA DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Australia Day is celebrated annually on January the 26th. It is an official national holiday and most Australians take the day off work. All schools close. Australia Day commemorates the creation of the first British settlement in Australia in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, the very first Governor of New South Wales, set up a community to run a prison in what is now Sydney. The earliest records of Australia Day date back to 1808. Not all Australians celebrate this day. Many Aboriginal Australians do not like the idea of a day to celebrate the British landing. Aborigines have dubbed the 26 January as "Invasion Day" or "Survival Day". The latter name celebrates the fact that the Aboriginal peoples and culture have not been wiped out.

The Prime Minister announces the Australian of the Year on the eve of Australia Day. This goes to the Australian who has made a "significant contribution to the Australian community and nation and is an inspirational role model for the Australian community". There are many other celebrations across the country, including many spectacular fireworks displays. The biggest one is in Perth, capital of Western Australia. Sydney holds a tall ships race in its world famous harbour. Other state and territory capitals hold their own celebrations. Australia's Prime Minister usually makes a speech to the nation and talks about what being an Australian means and how proud Australians should be of their country.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. It is an official | <i>a.</i> run a prison |
| 2. the creation of the first British | <i>b.</i> national holiday |
| 3. set up a community to | <i>c.</i> not been wiped out |
| 4. The earliest records of Australia Day | <i>d.</i> as "Invasion Day" |
| 5. Aborigines have dubbed the 26 January | <i>e.</i> settlement in Australia |
| 6. Aboriginal peoples and culture have | <i>f.</i> date back to 1808 |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. the Australian who has made a | <i>a.</i> Australian community |
| 2. an inspirational role model for the | <i>b.</i> world famous harbour |
| 3. spectacular fireworks | <i>c.</i> be of their country |
| 4. Sydney holds a tall ships race in its | <i>d.</i> their own celebrations |
| 5. state and territory capitals hold | <i>e.</i> significant contribution |
| 6. ... how proud Australians should | <i>f.</i> displays |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Australia Day _____ on January the 26th. It is an official national holiday and most Australians take the day off work. All schools close. Australia Day commemorates _____ British settlement in Australia in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, the very first Governor of New South Wales, _____ run a prison in what is now Sydney. The earliest records of Australia Day date back to 1808. Not all Australians celebrate this day. Many Aboriginal Australians _____ a day to celebrate the British landing. Aborigines have dubbed the 26 January as "Invasion Day" or "Survival Day". The latter name celebrates the fact that the Aboriginal peoples and culture _____ out.

The Prime Minister announces the Australian of the _____ Australia Day. This goes to the Australian who has made a "significant _____ the Australian community and nation and is an inspirational _____ the Australian community". There are many other celebrations across the country, including many spectacular fireworks displays. The biggest one is in Perth, capital of Western Australia. Sydney _____ race in its world famous harbour. Other state and territory capitals hold their own celebrations. Australia's Prime Minister usually makes a speech _____ talks about what being an Australian means _____ Australians should be of their country.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Australia Day is celebrated _____ on January the 26th. It is an official national holiday and most Australians _____ the day off work. All schools close. Australia Day commemorates the creation of the _____ British settlement in Australia in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, the very first Governor of New South Wales, set up a community to _____ a prison in what is now Sydney. The earliest records of Australia Day _____ back to 1808. Not all Australians celebrate this day. Many Aboriginal Australians do not like the _____ of a day to celebrate the British landing. Aborigines have dubbed the 26 January as "Invasion Day" or "Survival Day". The _____ name celebrates the fact that the Aboriginal peoples and culture have not been _____ out.

latter
first
take
idea
run
wiped
annually
date

The Prime Minister _____ the Australian of the Year on the eve of Australia Day. This _____ to the Australian who has made a "significant contribution to the Australian community and nation and is an inspirational role _____ for the Australian community". There are many other celebrations across the country, including many spectacular fireworks _____. The biggest one is in Perth, capital of Western Australia. Sydney _____ a tall ships race in its world famous harbour. Other state and territory capitals hold their _____ celebrations. Australia's Prime Minister usually _____ a speech to the nation and talks about what being an Australian means and how _____ Australians should be of their country.

own
displays
goes
proud
announces
makes
holds
model

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Australia Day is celebrated *annual / annually* on January the 26th. It is an official national holiday and most Australians take the day *on / off* work. All schools close. Australia Day commemorates the *create / creation* of the first *British / Britain* settlement in Australia in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, the very first Governor of New South Wales, set up a community to *running / run* a prison in what is now Sydney. The earliest records of Australia Day *date / dates* back to 1808. Not all Australians celebrate this day. Many Aboriginal Australians do not like the idea of a day to celebrate the British *lands / landing*. Aborigines have dubbed the 26 January as "Invasion Day" or "Survival Day". The latter name celebrates the fact that the Aboriginal peoples and culture have not been wiped *out / over*.

The Prime Minister announces the Australian of the Year on the eve *for / of* Australia Day. This *goes / going* to the Australian who has made a "significant contribution to the Australian community and *national / nation* and is an inspirational role model for the Australian community". There are many other celebrations across the country, including many *spectacle / spectacular* fireworks displays. The biggest one is in Perth, *capital / capitals* of Western Australia. Sydney holds a tall ships race in its *world / worldly* famous harbour. Other state and territory capitals hold their own celebrations. Australia's Prime Minister usually *makes / takes* a speech to the nation and talks about what being an Australian means and how *proud / pride* Australians should be of their country.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Australia Day is (1) _____ annually on January the 26th. It is an official national holiday and most Australians take the day (2) _____ work. All schools close. Australia Day commemorates the (3) _____ of the first British settlement in Australia in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, the very first Governor of New South Wales, set up a community to (4) _____ a prison in what is now Sydney. The earliest records of Australia Day (5) _____ back to 1808. Not all Australians celebrate this day. Many Aboriginal Australians do not like the idea of a day to celebrate the British landing. Aborigines have dubbed the 26 January as "Invasion Day" or "Survival Day". The latter name celebrates the fact that the Aboriginal peoples and culture have not been wiped (6) _____.

The Prime Minister announces the Australian of the Year on the eve of Australia Day. This (7) _____ to the Australian who has made a "significant contribution to the Australian community and (8) _____ and is an inspirational role model for the Australian community". There are many other celebrations across the country, including many spectacular fireworks (9) _____. The biggest one is in Perth, capital of Western Australia. Sydney holds a tall ships race in its world famous harbour. Other state and territory (10) _____ hold their own celebrations. Australia's Prime Minister usually makes a speech to the (11) _____ and talks about what being an Australian means and how (12) _____ Australians should be of their country.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) celebrated | (b) celebration | (c) celebrates | (d) celebrate |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) over | (c) in | (d) off |
| 3. | (a) create | (b) creativity | (c) creation | (d) creator |
| 4. | (a) jog | (b) run | (c) sprint | (d) dash |
| 5. | (a) dates | (b) dating | (c) date | (d) the date |
| 6. | (a) over | (b) out | (c) in | (d) off |
| 7. | (a) gives | (b) goes | (c) gets | (d) receives |
| 8. | (a) nationality | (b) national | (c) nationalize | (d) nation |
| 9. | (a) displays | (b) display | (c) displayed | (d) displaying |
| 10. | (a) capital | (b) capitalize | (c) capital A | (d) capitals |
| 11. | (a) nations | (b) nationality | (c) nation | (d) national |
| 12. | (a) proud | (b) proudest | (c) pride | (d) proudly |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. celebrated nalaylnu on January the 26th
2. the icreonta of the first British settlement in Australia
3. set up a utynocimm to run a prison
4. Not all Australians reteeabcl this day
5. Aborigines have buddeb the 26 January as "Invasion Day"
6. have not been edipw out

Paragraph 2

7. The Prime Minister anncneosu the Australian of the Year
8. the Australian mctyumnio and nation
9. an inspirational role moeld
10. many spectacular fireworks lpsdasyi
11. makes a sceeph to the nation
12. how pdruo Australians should be of their country

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () many spectacular fireworks displays. The biggest one is in Perth, capital of Western Australia. Sydney holds
- () model for the Australian community". There are many other celebrations across the country, including
- () The Prime Minister announces the Australian of the Year on the eve of Australia Day. This goes to the Australian who has
- () celebrations. Australia's Prime Minister usually makes a speech to the nation and talks about what
- () Australia in 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, the very first Governor of New South Wales, set up a community to run a
- () being an Australian means and how proud Australians should be of their country.
- () the day off work. All schools close. Australia Day commemorates the creation of the first British settlement in
- () the 26 January as "Invasion Day" or "Survival Day". The latter name celebrates the fact that the Aboriginal
- () this day. Many Aboriginal Australians do not like the idea of a day to celebrate the British landing. Aborigines have dubbed
- () a tall ships race in its world famous harbour. Other state and territory capitals hold their own
- (**1**) Australia Day is celebrated annually on January the 26th. It is an official national holiday and most Australians take
- () prison in what is now Sydney. The earliest records of Australia Day date back to 1808. Not all Australians celebrate
- () peoples and culture have not been wiped out.
- () made a "significant contribution to the Australian community and nation and is an inspirational role

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. is the celebrated 26th annually Australia on Day January

2. day the take Australians most off

3. settlement British first the 1788 in Australia in

4. back The of date 1808 records Day to earliest Australia

5. January as "Invasion Day" Aborigines have dubbed the 26

6. Year the The Australian Prime of Minister the announces

7. contribution made to a the Australian significant community

8. celebrations other many are There country the across

9. own their hold capitals territory and state celebrations

10. a Australia's Minister makes speech Prime usually

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE AUSTRALIA DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Australia Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Australia Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Australia Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Australia Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.