

# Who is an Australian?

Australians come from all over the world. Some of our ancestors go back to the Aboriginal Dreamtime. Others were transported on the First Fleet, came to work on the gold fields or arrived as camel drivers in the outback more than one hundred years ago.

For many of us, our parents or grandparents arrived after the Second World War. About one in four of us was born overseas.

But all Australians, regardless of their background, share a commitment to Australia and its people.



## What makes a typical Aussie?

Some people think the typical Aussie is an easy-going person who loves the beach, a barbeque and sport, and believes in a 'fair go' for all.

Others think the typical Aussie is a busy office worker who lives in the city and enjoys a cosmopolitan lifestyle.

Do these images represent the typical Aussie?



## Australians overseas

There are about one million Australians who are living or on holidays overseas.

Imagine that you are overseas on holidays or studying as an exchange student.

What would you tell people about Australians?



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and  
Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

## Classroom activities

- 1 How many people in your class were born in Australia? How many people have an Indigenous background?
- 2 Have you lived in or visited another country? How was it different from Australia?
- 3 Compile a collage showing pictures of who you think are typical Australians.
- 4 Conduct a survey interviewing teachers and students on what they like best about being an Australian.

## The Anzacs

The Anzacs were troops of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who landed at Gallipoli on 25 April, 1915, during World War One. They fought a campaign lasting about eight months.

Although fighting under British command, the men started the Anzac legend with their mateship and bravery.

Some say that this was when Australia's national identity was born.

