



## AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION ACTIVITY

### What is the Australian citizenship affirmation?

The Australian citizenship affirmation was introduced in 1999 (the 50th anniversary of Australian citizenship) to give existing Australian citizens an opportunity to express their national pride and celebrate the values we share as Australians.

The short statement is similar to the Australian citizenship pledge made by new Australian citizens. It reads:

**AS AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN,  
\* I AFFIRM MY LOYALTY TO AUSTRALIA AND ITS PEOPLE,  
WHOSE DEMOCRATIC BELIEFS I SHARE,  
WHOSE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES I RESPECT,  
AND WHOSE LAWS I UPHOLD AND OBEY.**

*\* Non-Australian citizens can join in the Affirmation at this line*

### What do the words in the affirmation mean?

Watch this video with your class to get a greater understanding of what the affirmation means.  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/ceremony/affirmation>

### Activity

The affirmation word search is for both upper and lower primary years, and will encourage recognition and awareness of the words highlighted in the Affirmation video.

The upper primary word search has some additional words for discussion on their meanings and how they too relate to the affirmation.