



## Australian overview



### Language

# English

English is the national language of Australia.



Learning how to speak English is very important when you live in Australia.



Some people in Australia speak other languages as well.

Over 200 different languages are spoken in:

# 200+

- homes
- communities – groups of people who are connected



This is because almost 25% of people who live in Australia were born in another country.



There are also more than 20 languages spoken by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We call these Indigenous languages.

# Australia's Indigenous people



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been living in Australia for around 50,000 years.

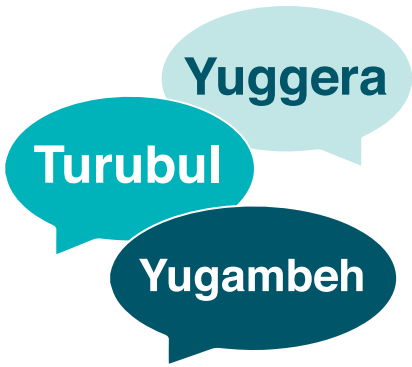
We also call them Indigenous people.



They have one of the oldest cultures in the world.



There are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in every Australian state and territory.

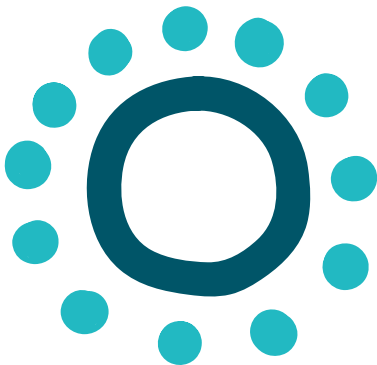


In different parts of Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have different:

- languages



- cultural beliefs



- spiritual beliefs

# Multicultural Australia



People move to Australia from all over the world.

We call these people migrants.



More than 7.5 million people have moved to Australia since 1945.



Over 800,000 of these migrants have been refugees.



Refugees are people who need to leave their home country because it is not safe for them anymore.

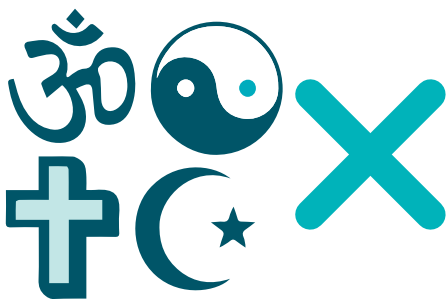
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About half of all Australians were:

- born overseas
- have a parent who was born overseas



This makes Australia a very multicultural place.



Australia has no official or state religion.



You are free to practice the religion you choose.



Your religion needs to agree with what the law says.



This includes laws:

- for all of Australia – Commonwealth laws
- state and territory laws



Australians are connected to each other through their values.



Values are the things all Australians believe are important:

- equality – everyone is treated the same and has the same rights





- democracy – everyone can take part in how the country is run



- freedom



- respect for all

