



AUSTRALIA – IT'S AWESOME

Fast facts quiz answers

Below are answers to each of the 15 'Fast facts quiz questions' on Alex's favourite 'Australia – it's awesome' facts provided on a separate sheet.

1. Australia's official name is the 'Commonwealth of Australia'.
2. Australia has about 150 volcanos.
3. Australia has about 10,685 beaches.
4. The Great Barrier Reef is so large that it can be seen from space.
5. The first Police Officers in Australia were convicts that were deemed to be very well-behaved.
6. South Australian women were voting in their state elections from the year 1894.
7. When Saudi Arabia need camels, they buy them from Australia.
8. Of Australia's 769.2 million hectares of land, our farmers manage approximately 51%.
9. Australian farmers produce around 93% of all the fresh food eaten in Australia.
10. Five of the competition entries to design our Australian flag were so close in design that they were all awarded equal first- place.
11. It is thought that about 250 different Aboriginal groups, each with their own language live in Australia today.
12. Close to 30% of Australia's population were born overseas.
13. The largest number of immigrants have come to Australia from England (about 4%).
14. Approximately 1,000,000 camels are thought to be wandering around outback Australia.
15. The first word, 'Waltzing' is Australian slang for 'travelling on foot' and the word 'Matilda' is slang for 'swag' which refers to a rolled-up blanket that people travelling around Australia on foot or horseback carried to sleep in.