



Australian Adventures Excerpt

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Australians Speak Strine

Australian slang is known as “Strine,” a major contraction of the 4-syllable pronunciation of their nationality. They like to make contractions of words by adding a “y” or “ie” to anything they can. Thus:

Barbie = barbecue

Brekkie = breakfast

Chokkie = chocolate

Chrissie = Christmas

Lollie = lollipop or candies

Mozzie = mosquito

Oldies = parents

Rellies = relatives

Sunnies = sunglasses

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Americans and Australians share a number of common expressions such as:

- “Wait ‘til the cows come home,” meaning a long time and
- “Scarce as hens’ teeth,” meaning rare.

But many Australian expressions are uniquely theirs and meant to be purely amusing. Australians love to pull one another’s leg, which they call “having a lend” of someone, meaning taking advantage of another’s gullibility.



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Australians tend to be self-deprecating and call even their best friends insulting names.

When someone is truly despicable, they might say that person is:

- Lower than a snake's armpit
- As crooked as a dog's hind leg

But if by chance someone actually wants to tell you that you're terrific, he might call you a little bottler, because your blood is worth bottling!

Can you match expressions to meanings in the following quiz?



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Other amusing Aussie phrases

Lots of Aussie phrases are based on making fun of themselves or their country in a good-natured way. For example, “The Aussie salute” is to brush flies away. And then there are these definitions:

- Bitzer = a mongrel dog (bits of this and bits of that)
- Shark biscuit = somebody new to surfing
- Stickybeak = nosy person



Symbolism of Aboriginal Art

The Aborigines of Australia have a long and fascinating culture that was undervalued for centuries, but today's Australians are making a great effort to honor that culture. Since 1995 **David Unaipon** (1872 - 1967) has been pictured on the Australian \$50 bill. As a Ngarrindjeri man, he was a preacher, inventor and writer.



Symbolism of Aboriginal Art

Much attention has been paid in recent years to the highly symbolic Aboriginal art.



**Emu Track
/ Spear**



**Rainbow
/Cloud**



**Possum
Track**



Rain



Star / Sun



**Waterhole
/Campsite**



**Fire / Smoke
Water**



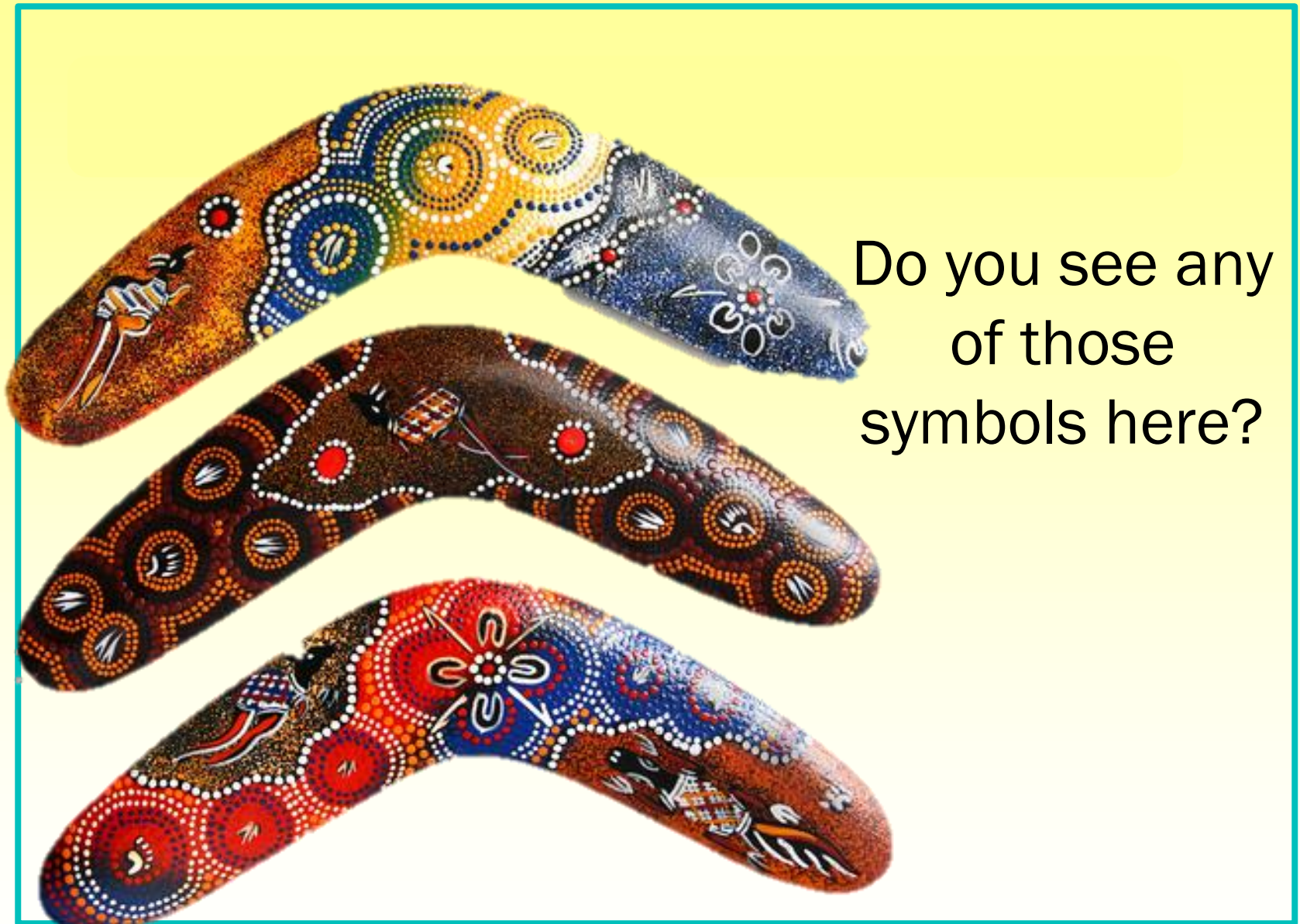
**Kangaroo
Track**



**Human
Track**



**Man
/Woman**



Do you see any
of those
symbols here?





The Sydney Opera House frequently features light shows on its “shell” roofs, some featuring Aboriginal art.



Did you know?

Since 1977, the Australian national anthem has been “Advance Australia Fair,” reflecting a peaceful nation:

”Australians all let us rejoice,

For we are young and free;

We've golden soil and
wealth for toil,

Our home is girt by sea;

Our land abounds in
nature's gifts,

Of beauty rich and rare;

In history's page let every stage,

Advance Australia Fair!



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