

THE CASE OF THE MISSING EMU

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INTRODUCTION

Australia's National Anthem is 'Advance Australia Fair'. The words to a song are called the lyrics. Here are the lyrics of the Australian National Anthem.

Fact:

A national anthem is a song used to represent a country at important events.

Verse 1

Australians all let us **rejoice**,
For we are one 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.
In joyful **strains** then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Verse 2

Beneath our **radiant** Southern Cross
We'll **toil** with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've **boundless** plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To **Advance** Australia Fair.
In joyful **strains** then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

VOCABULARY

Look at the meaning of each word.

Write the words from the verses above to complete the line from the Australian National Anthem.

Meaning	In the Australian National Anthem
celebrate	Australians all let us _____.
work hard	We've golden soil and wealth for _____.
surrounded	Our home is _____ by sea.
full of	Our land _____ in nature's gifts.
go forward	_____ Australia Fair.
musical sounds	In joyful _____ then let us sing.
glowing	Beneath our _____ Southern Cross.
famous, known about	_____ of all the lands.
very large	We've _____ plains to share.

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LOVE THAT LYRIC

Read the lyrics or listen to the Australian National Anthem and follow along with the words.

Draw a picture in the box to show what the National Anthem makes you think about.

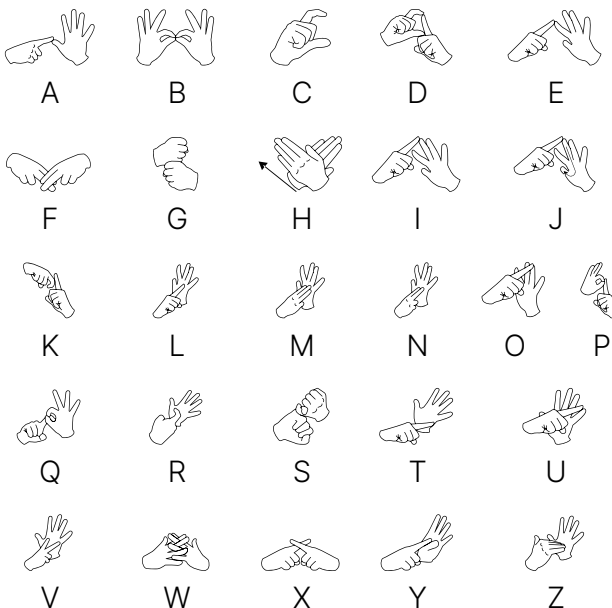


Why do you think we have a national anthem?

AUSLAN PERFORMANCE

Here is the Auslan fingerspelling code for each letter of the alphabet. This is used by the deaf community in Australia.

Use the code to see what is written here.



It would take a long time to spell every letter in the Anthem this way! Watch the video of the Australian National Anthem signed in Auslan to see a better way.

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FOUR BY FOUR

Choose activities from the grid. Activities with a star ★ might take a bit longer.

Colour the box when you have completed the activity.

ENGLISH	MATHS & SCIENCE	THE ARTS	RESEARCH
Glossary A glossary is a mini dictionary. Choose five tricky words from the National Anthem and make your own glossary to explain them.	Australians All What is the population of Australia? What was the population when the National Anthem was written in 1878? (Can you calculate the difference?)	In History's Page In your fanciest writing, make a perfect copy of the lyrics of the National Anthem that could be displayed in your classroom.	Girt by Sea Australia is a large island but it also has many smaller islands. Can you find the 5 biggest Australian islands? Do you know which state they belong to?
Rhyme and Reason There are lots of rhyming words in the Australian National Anthem. Make a list of the pairs of rhymes. Can you add other rhyming words to each pair?	Crack the Code Create your own alphabet or number code. Use your code to write a line from the Anthem and see if your classmates can work out which line you wrote.	There's More Learn the lyrics for Verse 2 of the National Anthem. Recite or sing them to a classmate.	Southern Cross The Southern Cross can be seen in the Australian night sky. Find out five facts about this constellation (group of stars).
Golden Soil Australia is not really covered with golden soil. Our soil comes in many different colours. This is a writing tool called imagery. What do you think golden soil really means?	Boundless Plains Australia's deserts are home to some fantastic animals. Many of them are nocturnal. Can you name five nocturnal animals found in Australia? Why do you think so many desert animals are nocturnal?	Beauty Rich and Rare Australia is full of beauty. Choose one of Australia's beautiful places and present it creatively, e.g. as a drawing, painting, collage, mosaic, etc.	This Commonwealth The Commonwealth of Australia has six states and many territories. Find out about all the Australian territories. Create a presentation with one slide for each territory.
★ Picture It There are lots of tricky words in the National Anthem. Can you swap any of the words for a picture or emoji to make it easier to understand?	★ Across the Seas Conduct a survey of your class. Was anyone in your class born overseas? What about their parents or grandparents? Chart your findings in a graph.	★ Let Every Stage In a small group, create a play or readers' theatre from the story of 'The Case of the Missing Emu'.	★ Anthem Timeline Find out about the history of the Australian National Anthem. Create a timeline to show what happened on each important date.