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TIMELINE OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG

The Australian National Flag has changed over time.

Crack the number codes to add dates to the flag timeline.

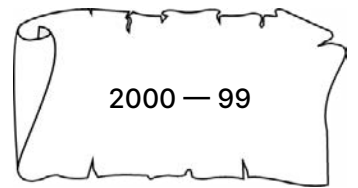
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The Union Jack was flown in Australia as the national flag for the first time.



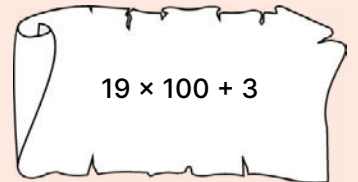
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The Government ran a flag design competition won by five joint winners. The Australian National Flag flew for the first time on 3 September in Melbourne.



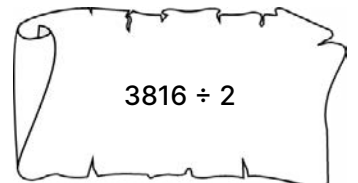
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The design of the Southern Cross was simplified. The four main stars all became seven-pointed stars. The smallest star remained a five-pointed star.



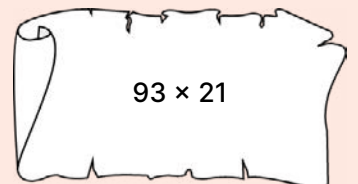
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The six-pointed Commonwealth Star representing the six states was replaced by a seven-pointed star, to include the Australian territories.



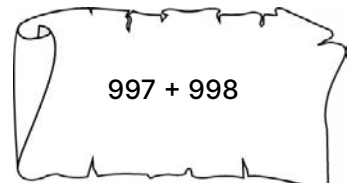
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The *Flags Act 1953*, proclaimed the Australian blue ensign as the national flag and the Australian red ensign as the flag for Australian merchant ships.



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The Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag proclaimed as flags of Australia.



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The Flags Amendment Bill became law. The Australian National Flag can only be changed with the agreement of the Australian people.



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HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG

Why was a new national flag needed in 1901? What else happened that year?

How did the *Flags Act 1953* solve the confusion about the Australian blue ensign and the Australian red ensign?

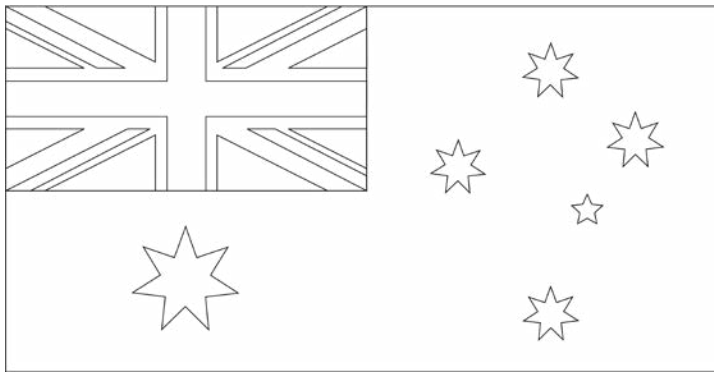
Under the Flags Amendment Bill, the Australian National Flag can only be changed with the agreement of the Australian people. Why might people want to change the flag?

Do you think the current Australian National Flag will ever change? Why do you think this?



KNOW YOUR FLAG

Check your knowledge of the sections of a flag and the Australian National Flag. Colour the flag correctly.



The **CANTON** is the section in the upper corner closest to the flagpole. It is also called the first quadrant and the upper hoist.

The **FLY** is the half of the flag furthest away from the flagpole.

The **HOIST** is the half of the flag closest to the flagpole. There is an upper and lower hoist.

On the Australian National Flag, the _____ is located on the **canton**.

On the Australian National Flag, the _____ is located on the **fly**.

On the Australian National Flag, the _____ is located on the lower **hoist**.

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GREEK SQUARE CIPHER

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I/J	K
3	L	M	N	O	P
4	Q	R	S	T	U
5	V	W	X	Y	Z

This cipher is called the Greek Square Cipher or the Polybius Cipher. Each letter is represented by two numbers created using the table.

To decipher a message, find the letter on the chart using the 2-digit number like a grid reference. The first number gives you the row, and the second number is the column.

For example, number **42** represents the letter **R** because it is in Row **4** and Column **2**.

Use the Greek Square Cipher to reveal the missing words in the flag protocols.

Flag protocol	Answers
The flag should not be allowed to fall or 31 24 15 on the ground.	
The flag should never be flown when damaged, 21 11 14 15 14 or in a dilapidated condition.	
When flown in Australia the Australian National Flag takes 35 42 15 13 15 14 15 33 13 15 over all other flags.	
The flag should not be 43 32 11 31 31 15 42 than that of any other flag or ensign.	
The flag should be raised 12 42 24 43 25 31 54 and lowered with dignity.	
When the flag is raised or lowered, or when it is carried in a parade or review, all present should face the flag and remain 43 24 31 15 33 44 .	
The flag should be raised no earlier than first 31 24 22 23 44 and should be lowered no later than dusk.	
The flag may only be flown at 33 24 22 23 44 when illuminated.	
Two flags should not be flown from the 43 11 32 15 flagpole.	
The flag should not be flown upside down, even as a signal of 14 24 43 44 42 15 43 43 .	



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FOUR BY FOUR

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

ENGLISH	MATHS & SCIENCE	THE ARTS	RESEARCH
<p>Vexillological Vocab Create a glossary for the keywords needed to describe flags and any other words you have learnt in this lesson: fly, hoist, canton, quadrant, ensign, precedence, protocol.</p>	<p>First Flag Facts The first Australian National Flag was 5.5m by 11m. What is the area of the original flag? Mark out the area. Compare it with your school's flag. How many times bigger was the original?</p>	<p>Crosses on Crosses The Union Jack is made up of three crosses laid over each other. Find out about the three crosses. Draw each one and cut them out. Use them to recreate the Union Jack.</p>	<p>A Bill Becomes Law The <i>Flags Act 1953</i> started as a Bill then became a law. Create a diagram or flowchart to show how this important process works.</p>
<p>My Entry Imagine you are Ivor Evans, the 14-year old who was a joint winner of the flag design competition. Write Ivor's description of his design and why he chose each colour and symbol.</p>	<p>Star Geometry The Commonwealth Star is a seven point star. Can you draw a seven point star? How could you make sure it was accurate? Try using computer software to create an accurate star.</p>	<p>Dhari Design The Torres Strait Islander Flag features a Dhari. Find out about the significance of the Dhari. Draw or create a Dhari based on what you learn.</p>	<p>State Flags Research the symbols on the state flags. How were they chosen? What do they represent? Create a digital presentation or an online quiz to share with the class.</p>
<p>Podcast Please Create a podcast episode to share with your class. Interview a teacher at your school about their knowledge of the Australian National Flag. How much do they know about its symbolism, history and protocols? What do they like and dislike about the flag?</p>	<p>Flag Semaphore Find a guide for using semaphore flags to send messages. Think about the colours of the semaphore flags and why they were chosen. Try to learn enough letters to send a message by semaphore.</p>	<p>Red, Black and Yellow These three colours are used in many Indigenous artworks as well as on the Australian Aboriginal Flag. Why do you think these colours are so significant? Search for Indigenous art that uses these three colours. Also find out about the symbols used in Indigenous art.</p>	<p>The Seventh Point The seventh point on the Commonwealth Star represents the Australian territories. Research the territories and locate them on a map. Label the map using the facts you discover.</p>
<p>★ Numbat News Write a newspaper report about the dramas that unfolded at the naval base. Use the structure of a newspaper report. Start with a lead that includes the key details. Follow this with other information from most to least important. Don't forget to interview eyewitnesses.</p>	<p>★ Be Precise Examine the guidelines on the PMC website for creating an accurate version of the Australian National Flag. Using geometry tools or a digital program, create an accurate image of the flag. Challenge: there are lots of fractions!</p>	<p>★ Radio Play Before television was invented, children listened to dramatised stories on the radio. Characters used voices and sound effects. Create a radio play of The Talent Quest. Record it on a digital device and share it with the class.</p>	<p>★ Federation The joining of the states to form a nation was a big moment in Australia's history and spurred the need for a national flag. Use a Venn diagram to create a before and after chart to show how Federation changed life and law in Australia.</p>

