

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN <VIRTUAL> RACE

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CAESAR CIPHER

The Hacker has used a Caesar cipher to code some lines from the Australian National Anthem. A Caesar cipher is based on a shift where each letter is replaced by another letter further along in the alphabet.

Hint: The amount of shift is equal to the number of lines in Verse 1 of the Anthem that start with a consonant.

UGRF AMSPYEC JCR SQ YJJ AMKZGLC

YBTYLAC YSQRPYJGY DYGP

UC YPC MLC YLB DPCC

Can you work backwards to create your own cipher-coded words from the Australian National Anthem?
See if someone else can crack your codes.

TIME TO VOTE

In 1977, the Australian Electoral Office conducted a poll, which found that 'Advance Australia Fair' was the preferred anthem (44%), followed by Waltzing Matilda (28%).

Read or listen to the words of Waltzing Matilda.

If the poll was held today, how would you vote?

Preferred anthem:

- Advance Australia Fair
- Waltzing Matilda

Why would you vote that way?

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Waltzing Matilda was second place in the public opinion poll to select a new National Anthem.

Why do you think so many Australians like this song?

'ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR' VERSIONS

The 'Advance Australia Fair' has been performed in First Nations languages, other international languages and Auslan.

Why would someone want to perform the 'Advance Australia Fair' in another language?

However, the protocols for performing the Anthem at a ceremony or public event state:

- The Australian National Anthem should be performed in English.
- Individuals or organisations can perform 'Advance Australia Fair' in a language other than English, but this should not be represented as a version of the Australian National Anthem.
- It is not necessary to stand when the song is performed in another language.
- If 'Advance Australia Fair' is performed in a language other than English, along with the Australian National Anthem, the Anthem should be played first.

Why do you think the government decided to make these protocols?

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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>First Nations Language</p> <p>Find a version of 'Advance Australia Fair' in a First Nations language. What do you notice?</p>	<p>Boundless Plains to Share</p> <p>Population density is calculated by dividing a country's area (km²) by its total population. Compare Australia's population density with five other countries.</p>	<p>Renowned of All the Lands 1</p> <p>Imagine asking someone from another country to describe a 'typical Australian'. Draw and label what you think they would say. How does this compare to your understanding?</p>	<p>Renowned of All the Lands 2</p> <p>Select a renowned Australian? Why are they known around the world? Create a fact file on their life and achievements.</p>
<p>What is a Matilda?</p> <p>Write a narrative version of Waltzing Matilda. Important fact: Matilda is not a character in the story.</p>	<p>What's a Billabong?</p> <p>The swagman camped beside a billabong. This is a First Nations word for an oxbow lake. Create a series of diagrams to explain how a billabong is formed?</p>	<p>Comic Chronology</p> <p>Create a comic strip retelling the history of the Australian National Anthem.</p>	<p>The Dig Tree</p> <p>The swagman used the shade of a coolibah tree. This tree was also made famous during the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition. Research the story of the Dig Tree and share your findings.</p>
<p>Song Structure</p> <p>Look carefully at the rhyme and rhythm of the Australian National Anthem. Analyse the number of beats per line and where there is any pattern to the rhyming lines. Can you write your own song/poem using the same structure?</p>	<p>Cipher Secrets</p> <p>Create your own cipher and use it to write lines from the Australian National Anthem.</p>	<p>Every Stage 2</p> <p>Create a mime or a dance to tell the story of the Australian National Anthem as it is played.</p>	<p>Nature's Gifts</p> <p>Australia abounds in nature's rich and rare gifts. Choose a natural wonder of Australia and find out why it is so important and if there are any risks to it.</p>
<p>★ Debate</p> <p>Hold a class debate. The topic is 'that the Australian National Anthem is for all Australians'.</p>	<p>★ Across the Seas</p> <p>Use Australian Bureau of Statistics data to find the cultural origins of Australians. Select a suitable graph or infographic to show the cultural diversity of our country.</p>	<p>★ Add an Instrument</p> <p>Use a digital recording program to add an extra instrument or beat to the National Anthem. You can't change the tune or speed but you can add instruments.</p>	<p>★ This Commonwealth</p> <p>Australia is a constitutional monarchy. His Majesty The King is our head of state. What does this mean? Create a presentation on your findings.</p>