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**Level 3** – 27th January, 2022

## Australia buys copyright to Aboriginal flag

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

Australia's government has bought the rights to the Aboriginal flag. This means anyone can now use or fly the flag for free. The flag was owned by its designer Harold Thomas and a clothing company. This meant that anyone who used the flag had to get copyright permission from them. The \$20-million deal to take ownership of the flag's copyright means the public can use it freely. Nova Peris, a former Aboriginal politician, led the Free the Flag campaign. She was overjoyed that the government bought the Aboriginal flag. She said: "The flag represents 50,000 years of history and it's a way of unifying...this country." She added: "It's a magical day for all Australians."

Indigenous artist Harold Thomas created the flag in 1971. He wanted all of Australia's indigenous people to have their own flag. His flag was originally used as a protest for indigenous rights. However, it soon became widely used and became an official national flag of Australia in 1995. It now flies on government buildings. A government spokesperson said: "Over the last 50 years, we made Harold Thomas' artwork our own. We marched under the Aboriginal flag, stood behind it, and flew it high as a point of pride." He added: "In reaching this agreement to solve the copyright issues, all Australians can freely display and use the flag to celebrate indigenous culture."

Note: Wikipedia says many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples dislike the term "Indigenous Australians" because they feel it is too general and removes their identity. They prefer the terms "First Nations," "First Peoples" and "First Australians".

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous\\_Australians#Variations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_Australians#Variations)

Sources: <https://www.bluemountaingazette.com.au/story/7593236/indigenous-advocates-welcome-freed-flag/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-60120997>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. AUSTRALIA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Australia. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

government / rights / flag / designer / copyright / permission / politician / magical / indigenous / artist / protest / Australia / marched / pride / agreement / issues

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. WORLD FLAG:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be a world flag; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FLAGS:** What do you think of these flags? What do you know about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	What I Know
Aboriginal		
Australian		
USA		
UK		
Chinese		
Brazilian		

**5. COPYRIGHT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "copyright". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. CULTURE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important aspects of culture at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Language
- Food
- Literature
- Music
- Dance
- Festivals
- Religion
- Clothes

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. rights     | a. The action of allowing someone to do something.  |
| 2. clothing   | b. The things we should all have because of laws or because we are people.                      |
| 3. copyright  | c. The legal right to print, publish, perform, film, or record music, art, books, writing, etc. |
| 4. permission | d. Very, very, very happy.  |
| 5. campaign   | e. Make or become united or whole.  |
| 6. overjoyed  | f. Clothes of all kinds.  |
| 7. unifying   | g. A plan of action to achieve a goal.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 8. indigenous    | h. Someone who talks for a company or country.   |
| 9. originally    | i. Have a party or do something nice for a happy day or event.                         |
| 10. protest      | j. A feeling of deep happiness from one's own achievements or the achievements others. |
| 11. spokesperson | k. An action in public to show you are unhappy about something and want it changed.    |
| 12. marched      | l. Walked along public roads in an organized protest.                                  |
| 13. pride        | m. Originating or happening naturally in a particular place.                           |
| 14. celebrate    | n. At first.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. People have to pay a small charge to use the Aboriginal flag. **T / F**
2. It cost Australia \$20 million to buy the copyright to the flag. **T / F**
3. A Free the Flag campaigner was very, very happy. **T / F**
4. The campaigner said the flag was very magical. **T / F**
5. The Aboriginal flag is over 100 years old. **T / F**
6. The Aboriginal flag became a national flag in Australia in 1971. **T / F**
7. The Aboriginal flag does not fly from government buildings. **T / F**
8. Australia said the flag can be used to celebrate indigenous culture. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>bought</b>       | a. at first       |
| 2. <b>free</b>         | b. ex-            |
| 3. <b>permission</b>   | c. made           |
| 4. <b>former</b>       | d. no charge      |
| 5. <b>unifying</b>     | e. representative |
| 6. <b>created</b>      | f. purchased      |
| 7. <b>originally</b>   | g. uniting        |
| 8. <b>spokesperson</b> | h. honour         |
| 9. <b>pride</b>        | i. consent        |
| 10. <b>celebrate</b>   | j. self-respect   |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Australia's government has bought the | a. overjoyed                     |
| 2. The flag was owned                    | b. pride                         |
| 3. had to get copyright permission       | c. day for all Australians       |
| 4. She was                               | d. by its designer               |
| 5. It's a magical                        | e. people                        |
| 6. indigenous                            | f. buildings                     |
| 7. His flag was originally used          | g. rights to the Aboriginal flag |
| 8. It now flies on government            | h. issues                        |
| 9. as a point of                         | i. from them                     |
| 10. solve the copyright                  | j. as a protest                  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

Australia's government has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the rights to the Aboriginal flag. This means anyone can now use or fly the flag for (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The flag was owned by its designer Harold Thomas and a clothing company. This meant that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ who used the flag had to get copyright permission from them. The \$20-million (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to take ownership of the flag's copyright means the public can use it freely. Nova Peris, a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Aboriginal politician, led the Free the Flag (6) \_\_\_\_\_. She was overjoyed that the government bought the Aboriginal flag. She said: "The flag (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 50,000 years of history and it's a way of unifying...this country." She added: "It's a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ day for all Australians."

*anyone*  
*former*  
*bought*  
*deal*  
*represents*  
*free*  
*magical*  
*campaign*

Indigenous (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Thomas created the flag in 1971. He wanted all of Australia's indigenous people to have their own flag. His flag was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ used as a protest for indigenous rights. However, it soon became (11) \_\_\_\_\_ used and became an official national flag of Australia in 1995. It now (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on government buildings. A government spokesperson said: "Over the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ 50 years, we made Harold Thomas' artwork our own. We marched under the Aboriginal flag, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ behind it, and flew it high as a point of pride." He added: "In reaching this agreement to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the copyright issues, all Australians can freely display and use the flag to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ indigenous culture."

*last*  
*originally*  
*celebrate*  
*stood*  
*artist*  
*solve*  
*flies*  
*widely*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

- 1) This means anyone can now use or fly the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. flag for freeze
  - b. flag for three
  - c. flag for thee
  - d. flag for free
- 2) The flag was owned by its designer Harold Thomas and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a clothe company
  - b. a closing company
  - c. a clothe in company
  - d. a clothing company
- 3) This meant that anyone who used the flag had to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. get copyright permission
  - b. get copyright persimmon
  - c. get copyright per remission
  - d. get copyright pre-mission
- 4) a former Aboriginal politician, led the Free \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the Flag campaigner
  - b. the Flag campaigned
  - c. the Flag campaign
  - d. the Flag camp pain
- 5) it's a way of unifying...this country." She added: "It's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a magician day
  - b. a magic all day
  - c. a magical day
  - d. a magically day
- 6) He wanted all of Australia's indigenous people to have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their owner flag
  - b. their own flag
  - c. their owns flag
  - d. their round flag
- 7) His flag was originally used as a protest \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for indigenous lights
  - b. for indigenous rites
  - c. for indigenous rights
  - d. for indigenous slights
- 8) it soon became widely used and became an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. official national flag
  - b. officially national flag
  - c. official nationally flag
  - d. officially nationally flag
- 9) Over the last 50 years, we made Harold Thomas' \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. art were cower own
  - b. are twerk our own
  - c. a twerk our own
  - d. artwork our own
- 10) He added: "In reaching this agreement to solve \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the copied right issues
  - b. the cop pea right issues
  - c. the copyright issues
  - d. the cop pea light issues

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

Australia's government has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Aboriginal flag. This means anyone can now use or fly the flag for free. The flag was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ designer Harold Thomas and a clothing company. This meant that anyone who used the flag had (3) \_\_\_\_\_ permission from them. The \$20-million deal to take ownership of the flag's copyright means the public can (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Nova Peris, a former Aboriginal politician, led the Free the Flag campaign. She was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ government bought the Aboriginal flag. She said: "The flag represents 50,000 years of history and it's a way of unifying...this country." She added: "It's (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for all Australians."

Indigenous artist Harold Thomas (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1971. He wanted all of Australia's indigenous people to have their own flag. His flag was originally used (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for indigenous rights. However, it soon became widely used and became an official national flag of Australia in 1995. It (9) \_\_\_\_\_ government buildings. A government spokesperson said: "Over the last 50 years, we made Harold Thomas' (10) \_\_\_\_\_. We marched under the Aboriginal flag, stood behind it, and flew it high as a (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "In reaching this agreement to solve the copyright issues, all Australians can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ use the flag to celebrate indigenous culture."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

1. Who can use the Aboriginal flag for free?
2. What is the name of the man who designed the flag?
3. How much did the government pay for the flag?
4. What's the name of the campaign that Nova Peris led?
5. How many years of history did Nova Paeris say the flag represents?
6. What was the flag used for at first?
7. When did the flag become an official Australian flag?
8. Where does the article say the flag now flies?
9. What did a government spokesperson say the flag was a point of?
10. What did the spokesperson say Australians can use the flag to celebrate?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

- 1) Who can use the Aboriginal flag for free?
  - a) designers
  - b) only Australians
  - c) government ministers
  - d) anyone
- 2) What is the name of the man who designed the flag?
  - a) Harry Harold
  - b) Harold Thomas
  - c) Tommy Tom
  - d) Thomas Harold
- 3) How much did the government pay for the flag?
  - a) \$12 million
  - b) \$80 million
  - c) \$20 million
  - d) \$30 million
- 4) What's the name of the campaign that Nova Peris led?
  - a) Free the Flag
  - b) Freedom Flag
  - c) Flag the Free
  - d) Flag for All
- 5) How many years of history did Nova Peris say the flag represents?
  - a) 55,000
  - b) 15,000
  - c) 50,000
  - d) 500,000
- 6) What was the flag used for at first?
  - a) for decoration
  - b) for protests
  - c) for houses
  - d) badges
- 7) When did the flag become an official Australian flag?
  - a) 1971
  - b) 1982
  - c) 1992
  - d) 1995
- 8) Where does the article say the flag now flies?
  - a) on government buildings
  - b) in the Outback
  - c) in the sky
  - d) the Sydney Opera House
- 9) What did a government spokesperson say the flag was a point of?
  - a) time
  - b) honour
  - c) pride
  - d) view
- 10) What did the spokesperson say Australians can use the flag to celebrate?
  - a) birthdays
  - b) indigenous culture
  - c) Australia Day
  - d) life

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

## **Role A – Food**

You think food is the most important aspect of culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): literature, fashion or dance.

## **Role B – Literature**

You think literature is the most important aspect of culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): food, fashion or dance.

## **Role C – Fashion**

You think fashion is the most important aspect of culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): literature, food or dance.

## **Role D – Dance**

You think dance is the most important aspect of culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): literature, fashion or food.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'flag' and 'copyright'.

<b>flag</b>	<b>copyright</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• means</li><li>• clothing</li><li>• permission</li><li>• public</li><li>• represents</li><li>• day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• artist</li><li>• originally</li><li>• widely</li><li>• last</li><li>• solve</li><li>• display</li></ul>
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# FLAGS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

Write five GOOD questions about flags in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# FLAGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'flag'?
3. What do you think of flags?
4. What do you think of your country's flag?
5. What flags have a really good design?
6. Is it right that a flag is copyrighted?
7. Why are national flags important?
8. What do you know about Australia's indigenous peoples?
9. What do you think when you see your country's flag?
10. Should there be a world flag?

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# FLAGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'copyright'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about copyright?
15. What do you think of copyright?
16. Should everyone have a flag of their country in their house?
17. How proud should people be of their national flag?
18. Have you ever marched behind a flag?
19. What do you know about the history of your country's flag?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Free the Flag leaders?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

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Indigenous artist Harold Thomas created the flag in 1971. He wanted all of Australia's indigenous people to have their (7) \_\_\_\_\_ flag. His flag was originally used as a protest for indigenous rights. However, it soon became (8) \_\_\_\_\_ used and became an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ national flag of Australia in 1995. It now flies on government buildings. A government spokesperson said: "Over the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 50 years, we made Harold Thomas' artwork our own. We marched under the Aboriginal flag, stood behind it, and flew it (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as a point of pride." He added: "In reaching this agreement (12) \_\_\_\_\_ solve the copyright issues, all Australians can freely display and use the flag to celebrate indigenous culture."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |              |               |                |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) borough   | (b) bought   | (c) bough     | (d) brought    |
| 2.  | (a) soar      | (b) sail     | (c) fly       | (d) mast       |
| 3.  | (a) omission  | (b) mission  | (c) remission | (d) permission |
| 4.  | (a) lead      | (b) led      | (c) leader    | (d) leaded     |
| 5.  | (a) overjoyed | (b) joyous   | (c) joyfully  | (d) joy        |
| 6.  | (a) of        | (b) on       | (c) at        | (d) as         |
| 7.  | (a) owns      | (b) down     | (c) owner     | (d) own        |
| 8.  | (a) deeply    | (b) narrowly | (c) longing   | (d) widely     |
| 9.  | (a) official  | (b) famous   | (c) country   | (d) all        |
| 10. | (a) least     | (b) last     | (c) lest      | (d) lost       |
| 11. | (a) height    | (b) high     | (c) highs     | (d) heights    |
| 12. | (a) on        | (b) of       | (c) to        | (d) as         |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. The flag was owned by its ersegdni
2. get copyright risesnpiom
3. a former Aboriginal ipliacnto
4. led the Free the Flag nampicga
5. a way of innuygf this country
6. It's a mglaiac day for all Australians

## Paragraph 2

7. His flag was ylargolin used as a protest
8. an ficaolif national flag of Australia
9. We hecandr under the Aboriginal flag
10. flew it high as a point of idpre
11. solve the copyright eiusss
12. use the flag to eeertcabl indigenous culture

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Indigenous artist Harold Thomas created the flag in 1971. He wanted all of Australia's indigenous
- ( ) Aboriginal politician, led the Free the Flag campaign. She was overjoyed that the government
- ( ) government buildings. A government spokesperson said: "Over the last 50 years, we made Harold Thomas'
- ( ) issues, all Australians can freely display and use the flag to celebrate indigenous culture."
- ( ) became widely used and became an official national flag of Australia in 1995. It now flies on
- ( ) bought the Aboriginal flag. She said: "The flag represents 50,000 years of history and it's a way
- ( ) people to have their own flag. His flag was originally used as a protest for indigenous rights. However, it soon
- ( ) high as a point of pride." He added: "In reaching this agreement to solve the copyright
- ( ) of unifying...this country." She added: "It's a magical day for all Australians."
- ( ) use or fly the flag for free. The flag was owned by its designer Harold Thomas and a clothing
- ( ) company. This meant that anyone who used the flag had to get copyright permission from them. The \$20-million
- ( ) artwork our own. We marched under the Aboriginal flag, stood behind it, and flew it
- ( ) deal to take ownership of the flag's copyright means the public can use it freely. Nova Peris, a former
- ( **1** ) Australia's government has bought the rights to the Aboriginal flag. This means anyone can now

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

1. can Anyone or the flag . now use fly
2. used the copyright who permission . needed Anyone flag
3. overjoyed She government was flag . bought the the
4. history . The flag of 50,000 represents years
5. it She day magical called Australians . for a
6. people have own Australia's their indigenous flag . to
7. official an national in It flag 1995 . became
8. all the under marched flag . We Aboriginal
9. to agreement this copyright the solve issues . Reaching
10. Use flag indigenous culture . the to celebrate

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220127-aboriginal-flag.html>

Australia's government has *bought* / *brought* the rights to the Aboriginal flag. This means anyone can now use or fly the flag for *freely* / *free*. The flag was owned by its designer Harold Thomas and a *clothe* / *clothing* company. This meant that anyone who used the flag *had* / *have* to get copyright permission from *they* / *them*. The \$20-million deal to take ownership of the flag's copyright means the *private* / *public* can use it freely. Nova Peris, a former Aboriginal *politician* / *politics*, led the Free the Flag campaign. She was overjoyed *what* / *that* the government bought the Aboriginal flag. She said: "The flag *represent* / *represents* 50,000 years of history and it's a way of unifying...this country." She added: "It's a *magical* / *magician* day for all Australians."

Indigenous artist Harold Thomas created the flag in 1971. He wanted all of Australia's indigenous *people* / *person* to have their own flag. His flag was *origin* / *originally* used as a protest *for* / *at* indigenous rights. However, it soon became *narrowly* / *widely* used and became an official national flag of Australia in 1995. It now *sails* / *flies* on government buildings. A government spokesperson said: "Over *the* / *a* last 50 years, we made Harold Thomas' artwork our *owner* / *own*. We marched under the Aboriginal flag, stood behind it, and flew it high *was* / *as* a point of pride." He added: "*To* / *In* reaching this agreement to solve the copyright issues, all Australians can freely display and use the flag *to* / *by* celebrate indigenous culture."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ABORIGINAL CULTURES:** Make a poster about Aboriginal cultures. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FLAGS:** Write a magazine article about not needing national flags. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on flags. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on your country's flag. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. f    3. c    4. a    5. g    6. d    7. e  
8. m    9. n    10. k    11. h    12. l    13. j    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 F    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. g
6. c	7. a	8. e	9. j	10. h

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Anyone
2. Harold Thomas
3. \$20 million
4. Free the Flag
5. 50,000
6. For protests
7. 1995
8. On government buildings
9. Pride
10. Indigenous culture

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Anyone can now use or fly the flag.
2. Anyone who used the flag needed copyright permission.
3. She was overjoyed the government bought the flag.
4. The flag represents 50,000 years of history.
5. She called it a magical day for Australians.
6. Australia's indigenous people to have their own flag.
7. It became an official national flag in 1995.
8. We all marched under the Aboriginal flag.
9. Reaching this agreement to solve the copyright issues.
10. Use the flag to celebrate indigenous culture.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)