



Thursday 21 March 2019 is Harmony Day



What is your class doing to celebrate Australia's multiculturalism and diversity on this date?

There are many ideas to be found on both the Australian Government and the Western Australia Government websites:



Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is the most successful multicultural country on earth and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

<https://www.harmony.gov.au/about/>



Harmony Week is an opportunity for all Western Australians to celebrate our vibrant multicultural State. The week runs from 15–21 March every year and encourages everyone to experience, explore and appreciate WA's wealth of cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity. Harmony Week is a State Government multicultural community relations initiative.

<https://www.omi.wa.gov.au/EventsInitiatives/Pages/HarmonyWeek.aspx>

We have created a project for upper primary students. (WAHASS52 WAHASS58)

Use the lyrics from the chorus of the song "I am Australian" as the catalyst to discover just how multicultural your classroom is and beyond!

The song can be found on:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD3SkTyXzcE>

The lyrics for the song can be found on:

- <https://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/seekers/iamaustralian.html>

A website for finding out the demography of Australia is:

- <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/ethnic-background-of-australians.html>



Harmony Day 2019 Project

Name:

The song "I am Australian" has a chorus with the following lyrics:

*"We are one, but we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We'll share a dream and sing with one voice
"I am, you are, we are Australian"*



(Songwriters: Bruce Woodley / Dobe Newton
I Am Australian lyrics © Spirit Music Group, BMG Rights Management US, LLC)

- What does this lyric mean to you?

- What lands do you think the song is referring to?



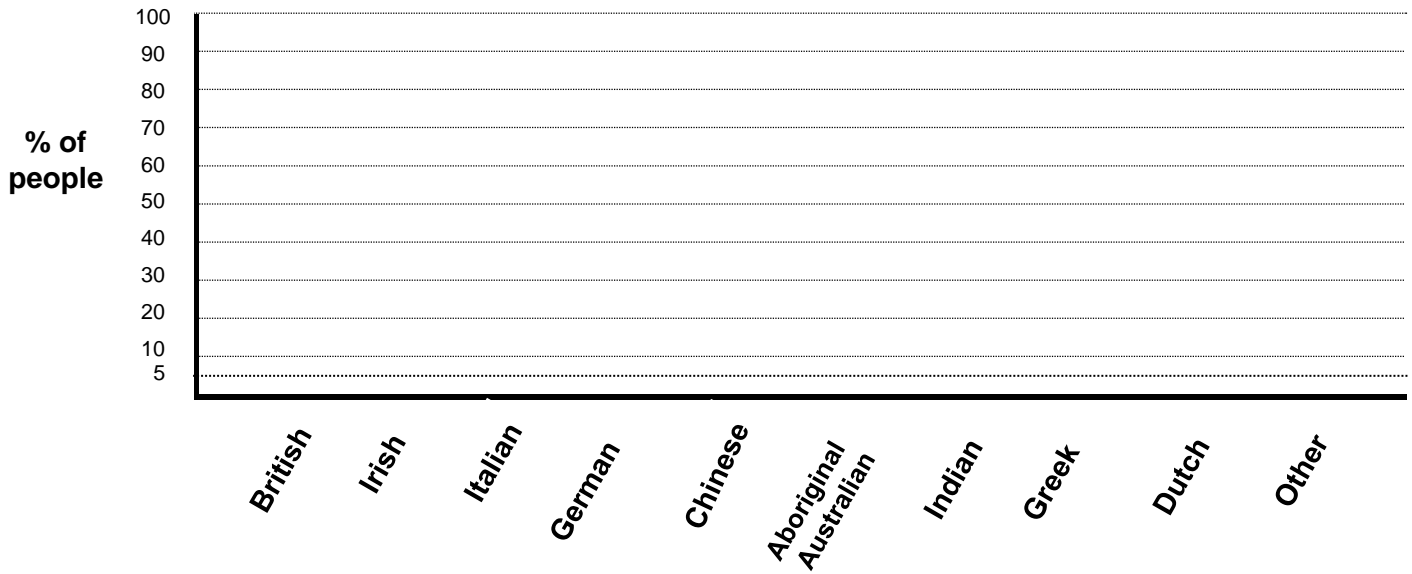
- What dreams and values do you think we share as Australians?



Let's discover just what lands Australians have come from. Find out the make-up of Australia's population to discover the percentages of people with different backgrounds.



- In the space below complete a graph to reflect the information you have found.



- What part of the graph do you and your family fall under?
- Share this information with the class to create a graph to reflect the diversity in your classroom.



- Compare the two graphs – how are they different?

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- What are some of the traditions/customs (e.g. food, clothing, celebrations, and language) your family has? Share your information with the class.

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