

Australia Day



Australia Day is an annual holiday in Australia. Every January 26th, the citizens of Australia celebrate when the First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788.

The First Fleet, led by Captain Arthur Phillip, claimed Australia for Great Britain on January 26, 1788. On these ships were many prisoners sent to establish a penal (used for the punishment of prisoners) colony in Australia. The day was first recognized mostly by New South Wales. It was first celebrated by all of the colony capitals except Adelaide in 1888, on the hundred-year anniversary of the landing, and it was known as Anniversary Day. By 1935, the whole country of Australia celebrated Anniversary Day, which was renamed Australia Day in 1946.

1. Which country celebrates Australia Day? _____

2. When is Australia Day? _____

3. What does the word "penal" mean? _____

4. Where and when did the First Fleet arrive?

at _____ in _____

5. What was Australia Day first called? _____