Reading Nº5

Tema: “Un día en Australia”

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| Objective | Comprender textos escritos.  |
| Instructions | Read the text and answer the questions. (Lea el texto y responda las preguntas) |

Australia Day

January 26 is Australia Day. It is a day of festivities that celebrate unity, multiculturalism, and what it means to be Australian. Some people of indigenous heritage are opposed to the holiday. They feel it commemorates the conquering of their people by the British.

On 26 January, 1788, the First Fleet arrived at New South Wales (Australia). The First Fleet was 11 ships with 1,487 people on board. Many of the people were convicted criminals transported to establish a penal colony. It was important to the British to create a new colony, since Britain had lost control of the American colonies after the Revolutionary War.

Captain Arthur Phillip of the First Fleet took possession of the land on behalf of King George III. He did not take into account that people already lived there.

Australia Day is the biggest annual civic event in Australia. It is celebrated in every state and territory. The first official celebration was called Foundation Day, and was held in 1818. Dinners, small gatherings, and sporting events were held on the first official celebration. Today, Australia

Day is known for sporting events such as the Australia Day Regatta in Sydney Harbour, and an annual cricket match held in the Adelaide Oval. Many celebrate Australia Day with their families and friends. They might go to a barbecue, attend an outdoor concert, festival, or fireworks show. Australians living abroad also celebrate. The importance of the celebration to the people of Australia can be understood in this poem written by the Australian poet Charles Thompson.

This little star,

once marked by none

Now shines a bright – a BLAZING SUN!

1. Why is Australia Day important to Australians?

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1. What activities can you do on Australia Day?

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1. Is it similar to Chile?

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1. Are you proud of your nation? Why?

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1. What is the meaning of the poem?

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1. Describe the following concepts. (Describe los siguientes conceptos.)
2. Festivity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Multiculturalism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Indigenous heritage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Holiday: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Write 3 traditions of your National Holiday. (Escribe 3 tradiciones de su fiesta nacional.)
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10. Write an invitation to Australian people who visit Chile to celebrate your National Holiday. (Escribe una invitación a los australianos que visiten Chile para celebrar su Fiesta Nacional.)

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