

Australia Day: Different Views — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Australia Day is held on 26 January, marking the First Fleet's arrival in 1788.
- For many, it is a day of national celebration.
- For many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, it marks the start of loss and is called Invasion Day or Survival Day.
- Some Australians want the date changed.

Key vocabulary

- Commemorate — to mark and remember.
- Perspective — a point of view.
- Mourning — sorrow for a loss.
- Debate — a discussion of different views.

One date, many views

The same day can be a celebration for some and a day of mourning for others. Understanding this means listening fairly to different perspectives.

An ongoing conversation

Australians continue to discuss whether the date should change — a real example of a country thinking about its history and identity.