

# Australian English — Vocabulary Mat

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## Everyday Australian words

- arvo — afternoon
- brekkie — breakfast
- servo — petrol station
- barbie — barbecue
- thongs — flip-flops (not underwear!)
- togs / bathers — swimming costume
- ute — a utility vehicle / pick-up truck
- esky — a cool box for drinks

## People & sayings

- mate — friend
- g'day — hello
- fair dinkum — true / genuine
- no worries — that's fine / you're welcome
- she'll be right — it will be OK
- heaps — lots

## Nature & places

- the bush — the countryside / wild areas
- the outback — the remote interior
- creek — a small stream
- paddock — a field

## Why is it different?

English is spoken differently around the world. Australian English has its own words, often shortened in a friendly way (afternoon → arvo). Comparing them is a fun way to explore how language changes from place to place.