

# 16 Question Strips

## AUSTRALIA



- How many Australian cities do you know?
- Which place(s) would you most like to visit in Australia? Why?
- About how many people live in Australia?
- What countries are closest to Australia?
- What is the climate like in Australia?
- Describe some Australian animals.
- Is Australia a safe place to visit? Why? / Why not?
- How many states are there in Australia? Name them.
- What do you know about Tasmania?
- What do you think Australians like to do in their free time?
- Describe the flag of Australia. What does it look like?
- How are Australia and New Zealand similar?
- How are Australia and New Zealand different?
- What is the 'Outback'? What do you know about it?
- Do you think Australia is a good place to live? Why? / Why not?
- Which sports are most popular in Australia?

**Aim** Speaking Practice

**Level** Intermediate to Advanced

- **As a Seated Activity**

Have your students seated in pairs or in groups of three.

Lay the sixteen cut-up questions – face-down – between the students.

Students take turns randomly selecting questions to ask their partner(s). Encourage follow-up questions.

Be sure to set a time frame for your students (try starting with 10 – 15 minutes for 16 questions; you may want to adjust this in later classes). Monitor and assist.

- **As a Standing Activity 1**

Have all your students stand up.

Give one question strip to each student.

Students find a partner and ask their question. Encourage follow-up questions.

After the students have asked each other their questions, have them exchange question strips and find new partners and continue.

Set a time frame as above. Monitor and assist.

- **As a Standing Activity 2**

This activity runs exactly the same as in ‘Standing Activity 1’ except that students first have about a minute to memorize their question (before placing it in their pocket – it can be used as a prompt if needed).

After each short conversation, students ‘mentally exchange’ their questions – they must help each other memorize their new questions before setting off to find a new partner.

This activity version is a little challenging, but also lots of fun – and it’s great to see all the learning that takes place!

Set a time frame as above. Monitor and assist.