

# ESL FOCUS: Australia Course Outline

Session	Content	Student Activities
1	Course aims Student needs and goals Geography Critical reading skills Introducing Australia – people and land Dictionary usage – vocabulary of government Elections. Main tense	Small group conversations Information presentation Apply to sample texts; discussion re main tense Information presentation – timeline Use abbreviation and pronunciation guides View and listen Diagnostic task
2	Flexibility in reading rates and techniques Prediction for better comprehension Summary writing technique Pronoun variety in sentence beginnings Tutorial re last week's writing exercise – revision of main tense Electoral System; 3 levels of government	Apply to reading re religion and economy Construct questions Summary paragraphs of state/territory reading Pair deduction activity re state/territory Monitor writing and set goals  View and listen
3	Language – articles Tutorial re last week's summary writing Skim reading with signposts Oz Icons – flag, anthem Emblems, coat of arms, Waltzing Matilda Separation of powers; Election process	Observe in sample text – symbols and holidays Edit summary and monitor for article usage Apply to labour day text – write main idea View and listen Vocabulary and class discussion View and listen for content and grammar
4	Skim reading without signposts and Subjective/Objective Writing Caroline Chisholm – content; instructions Australia Day Government – making laws; opposition Diagramming for info presentation	Apply to history text; Classify own writing samples Read for understanding – multiple choice View and listen Vocabulary and class discussion View and listen for content and grammar
5	Reading comprehension – surgeon, goldfields, explorer Top Level Structure relevance to reading and writing Essay writing technique – structure and process Government	Reading for understanding Explorers, pioneers, achievers – comparison/contrast structure and language Plan a one day essay for week 7 – conference and brainstorm Mock election
6	Archie Roach Essay draft checkpoints Aboriginal people, dreamtime, languages, enfranchisement Aborigines and Maoris	Reading for understanding Essay draft from plan Read for timeline dates re laws: order sentences; view and listen Comparison/contrast pair reading and writing
7	Skimming and Scanning Language – prepositions of place Eureka Stockade – comprehension A Man and His Dog short story – levels of reading; supporting an argument Government – constitution, governor general, forming parliament	Scan economy, politics, sport, nationhood text Apply to text – group speaking and listening Listen for facts; infer; apply  Table of current representatives – State, local, Federal
8	Diggers and Anzacs – reading skills revision and pronouns Anzac Day Politics and Government colloquialisms, disagreeing politely, pronouns, contractions and possessives Tutorial re-writing assignment Course Quiz	Jigsaw reading in pairs  View and Listen Listening and speaking – class and small groups  Editing task and goal setting Group work



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