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# Australian Dictation Test

## Student Worksheet

### Did you know?

In 1901 the *Immigration Restriction Act* was introduced with the intention of keeping out anyone that Australia did not want to allow in, especially non-Whites. A feature of this Act was the notorious **Dictation Test** that could be given to anyone trying to enter the country. It required the person to be able to write correctly at least 50 words dictated by the Customs officer... in any language of the officer's choosing!

### Tasks

1. Visit: <http://tenpoundpom.com/dictation-test/>
2. Read the article in full before you start the test
3. Put on your headphones (if you have them)
4. Adjust your volume and press play to start the test
5. Type exactly what you hear into the text box
6. Pause or rewind if you need more time
7. Press submit when you have completed the test
8. Take another test if you don't pass first time
9. Read the rest of this worksheet while you wait for others to finish

Good luck!

### Questions your teacher will ask

1. How did you feel **before** you started the test?
2. How easy or difficult was the test?
3. How did you feel **after** you finished the test?



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### Discuss in groups

1. Do you think it is important to check whether people can speak English before they are allowed to settle in Australia?
2. What do you think about using the Dictation Test to make people leave Australia if they fail?
3. Was it fair to make people do the test in a language that they did not speak?
4. What do you think is a fair way to decide who can settle in Australia?

### Your thoughts

Fill in the table below and hand your completed worksheet in to your teacher.

I learnt...
I was surprised...
I felt...
I wonder about...
I want to know more about...