



# Aussie English

Language is a living thing. It grows and changes as people and the world change.

The English language is spoken in many countries, for example, in England, the United States of America and New Zealand. English is also the most common language spoken in Australia, but some of the words and sayings that are special to Australia make Aussie English different from the English spoken by people in other countries.



Aussies have some words and sayings that are special to Australia.





Some Aussie words, such as “kangaroo” and “wombat”, are Indigenous words. Other words, such as “Aussie”, “swaggie” and “digger”, have been made up by Australians over the years. Words such as “pizza” and “taco” have come from other languages. Some sayings, such as “true blue” and “fair dinkum”, aren’t said very much in other English-speaking countries.

The way most people speak in Australia—the Australian **accent**—makes Aussie English sound different from the English spoken in other countries, too.



Aussie words begin in many different ways.