



The boomerang represents Indigenous people's 60,000-year links to the land, because they've been used for as long as Indigenous nations have thrived on the Australian continent. Boomerangs play a key role in Aboriginal mythology, known as The Dreaming — mythical characters are said to have shaped the hills and valleys and rivers of the landscape by throwing the sticks around in the hunt. The word 'boomerang' is believed to be an adaptation of the word 'wo-mur-rang' used in a now-extinct Aboriginal dialect.



Australia



- **Name:** Commonwealth of Australia
- **Government:** Democracy
- **Population:** About 25.5 million
- **Language:** English
- **National Symbols:** Golden wattle (flower), opal (gemstone), green and gold (colours) and the Commonwealth Star (a seven-pointed star), kangaroo, emu (animals)
- **National Anthem:** Advance Australia Fair