

Unit 6 Oceania

Read below then listen and fill in the Fact Box. Then, before each chapter in this unit, read the cultural tendencies and discuss Japan's cultural tendency in this regard, as well as your own habits.

The word "Oceania" was made by a Frenchman in 1812 because people in this region rely on the ocean, and live near the ocean. As a continent, Australia is the smallest. Also, the only continent with fewer people than Australia is Antarctica, where nobody lives. Still, Australia is the sixth largest country. The first Australians, the Aborigines, arrived from New Guinea and Indonesia about 50,000 years ago. By the time Europeans arrived, the population had reached 350,000.

Fact Box

population: > or < 100,000,000?	number of countries: > or < 20?
population density: > or < 100?	life expectancy: > or < 79?

Cultural tendencies are stereotypes. Of course, each individual is different. Many don't conform to cultural or national stereotypes.

Australians tend to...	Japan	you	comment
love to gamble.			
love to travel.			
run up debt by shopping too much.			
use slang (i.e. <i>barbie</i> instead of <i>barbecue</i>).			
be very relaxed.			
be outgoing and friendly.			
enjoy swimming.			
enjoy surfing.			
not worry about everyday matters.			

New Zealanders tend to...	Japan	you	comment
enjoy picnics on a beach.			
be frugal (not waste money).			
eat a lot of dairy products.			
not get upset easily.			
respect native people, the Maori.			
be reserved.			
make excuses rather than say "no" directly.			