

Transcript for What 5 Things Do You Miss Most About Australia?

Trevor: Yo yo, what's goin' on Real Life English? My name is Trevor and I'm here with Chad. And we're doing a special podcast for you. This is only for our subscribers so please don't share this with anyone else. Thank you.

So the podcast we're doing for you today is about 5 things Mr. Chad here misses about Australia.

So Chad, what is the first thing you miss about Australia?

Chad: Well Trevor, I've thought long and hard about this and the first thing that came to mind was definitely Vegemite.

Trevor: Of course it was Vegemite. So I'm sure a lot of people out there don't know what that is, so why don't you tell this?

Chad: Well Vegemite is pretty much the best thing in the world.

Trevor: Why is that?

Chad: ~~Well it's because it's~~ Let me tell you what it is first. Vegemite is ~~it's~~ a paste, many people think it's similar to Nutella. Nutella is a... I guess you guys eat this on bread or toast, it's chocolate and hazelnut—but it's the same kinda concept, we put Vegemite on toast or on a sandwich, but it tastes totally different. It's a salty, bitter, black paste and Australians love it and everyone else hates it.

Trevor: Well most everyone else hates it. I remember when I first met Chad he gave me some Vegemite and I loved it, right away. And it's really shocking to Australians that I like it so much.

Chad: Yeah we even have an expression in English based on Vegemite. We say we're happy little vegemites. It's an expression that comes from the TV commercial.

Trevor: Awesome. Okay, so what else do you like—or miss—about Australia?

Chad: Another thing that I miss a lot would have to be a barbie.

Trevor: What do you mean you miss a barbie, like a barbie doll? You play with dolls, Chad?

Chad: No, no. In Australia we say barbie is what we call a barbecue. I guess in the United States you guys say barbecue. So an Australian barbie or an aussie barbie.

Trevor: So how is that different from a churrasco, a barbecue in Brazil?

Chad: I mean it's quite different, we don't have a fire, it's just a hot plate. We have a lot of good meat in Australia, the quality of the meat is really good. And we also have a pretty famous—everyone in Australia loves the Australian snagga. A snagga is an Australian expression for sausage.

Trevor: Mk, so is there anything else you wanna add about the barbies?

Chad: It's also just a good family time. Family and friends get together, have some good laughs, drink some beers, everyone has a good time.

Trevor: So do you think part of the reason you miss the barbies is because you miss the family back in Australia, Chad?

Chad: Yeah, I mean it could relate a little bit about my friends and family but definitely the food as well. The Australian food is a big one.

Trevor: Yeah, we recently had a podcast about what I miss about America and most of the conversation was about food. So, I know what you mean. So the first two things you missed were Vegemite and barbecues. We like food. Okay, so what's number three Chad, what else do you miss?

Chad: Well in Australia I was a football fan. Football I mean Australia football. It's very different from soccer, or rugby or American football. It's a unique game from Australia. It's going to take me too long to explain the rules. If you want to check it out, maybe just google it. Just type in AFL (Australian Football League). And see some videos, I'm sure. You'll also have no idea what it is.

Trevor: Yeah, I think I've seen it a few times on TV, and I didn't really understand what was going on. It looked like a mixture of soccer and football and ruby. Would you say that's kinda correct or no?

Chad: Nah, probably not. It's just a totally different game.

Trevor: It's its own thing, I guess. Alright so, what else do you miss, Chad?

Chad: Well I'd have to say, maybe Australian humor. The sense of humor of people in Australia is really... it's quite different really from even American humor. We see that a lot in Australia through TV. But Australian humor itself is quite different. A little bit sarcastic, but a little playful. We sometimes make fun of people, but obviously not in a negative way. It's very fun and we can have a lot of fun with people with that.

Trevor: And do you have any examples of something our listeners can watch or read up on, maybe a comedian or something else?

Chad: Actually yeah, one of my favorite Australian comedians—his name is Carl Barron. That's Carl, C-a-r-l B-a-r-r-o-n. He's pretty funny.

Trevor: [And you'll find a link to him in the transcript.](#) So, what do you like about him, Chad?

Chad: He's more of a silly—a lot of Australians have a very silly humor as well. You know they make jokes about just normal everyday situations. But we kinda make everything funny. Well I shouldn't say we, but the comedians.

Trevor: So he's just kinda playful, you would say?

Chad: Yeah it's a very playful humor.

Trevor: Okay cool, so that's four, what about the last one? What else do you miss?

Chad: Well I didn't realize I missed this until I went back to Australia recently and just the way that people speak. It's really different and crazy. And I don't speak like that anymore. I realized that when I went back there. It seemed like I went back in time to another country, it felt like a different country.

Trevor: Yeah, I recently went on vacation and there were a bunch of Australian backpackers and they sounded a lot different from you Chad.

Chad: Yeah, Australians tend to have a real nasally sound when they speak. Now, I'd say, "How're you goin'?" Hey man, how you goin'?" But an Australian would be like, "Hey man, how you goin'?" You all right? What are you doing this weekend? Wanna go grab a beer?"

Trevor: Okay, so would you say that Australians tend to speak fast?

Chad: They do speak quite fast—we speak quite fast, I should say. I am Australian, still. But the problem that a lot of people have which I noticed a lot when I went back now—last year to Australia—is we always put an intonation at the end of what we're saying. Even when it's not a question.

Trevor: So can you give us an example?

Chad: Yeah sure. A good example would be maybe... I dunno, if it's raining outside and Australian guy might come up and say, "'s rainin'(?)" And you might think is this guy asking me if it is raining or is he telling me it is raining?. It's like "hey, 's rainin' (?)"

Trevor: Nice, nice. So yeah, that's it for today. So why don't you give us a quick summary, Chad.

Chad: Of course, of course. So, number one, I think the first thing I said was Vegemite. Look for that, experiment with that. It's amazing, it's going to change your life.

Trevor: I agree. It's really good with bread, but you might think we're crazy if we if you try it.

Chad: Yeah and the next one was a barbie. Not the doll, barbie meaning a barbecue—an Australian barbecue. Football—Australian football, AFL. Australian humor. Carl Barron, a funny comedian from Australia. And also the way that they speak, Australian intonation and all that kind of crazy stuff you're gonna hear in Australia.

Trevor: Alright, so that does it for this podcast. I just wanna say thank you Chad for doing this with me.

Chad: Thanks for having me Trevor

Trevor: And thank you listeners for being a part of the Real Life English Community. And we'll see you next time. Alright, peace out guys.

Chad: See you guys later.