

Early Settlers to Australia

Migrants are people who come from another country to live in your country. The first migrants to Australia were British. They came on the **First Fleet** in 1788. Today Australia has many different groups, who are seeking a better life, that have migrated here.

In the years before 1950 most migrants to Australia were **English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish or Chinese**. After World War 2 people came from **Italy, Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia** as refugees. After 1970 many Asian people from **Cambodia and Vietnam** arrived. Recently war in the Middle East has seen an arrival of people from **Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon and Iran**. Lately many **South Africans and South American** people have migrated as well.

Migrants bring new kinds of food, skills, religions and customs to their new land. They hope to build better communities that are great places to live. Migrants also add to the workforce of their new country.



Answer these questions.

1. What do you call people who are forced to go to a new country because their country is at war?

2. What are people who wish to move to a new country called?

3. Which migrants came to Australia in 1788?

4. Write two ways that migrants help their new country.

5. Name four countries from which migrants have come to Australia.
