



## Observations

- You often see signs on restaurants advertising *Devonshire Tea*. This is a light meal served midmorning or midafternoon with home cooked scones, thick whipped cream (unsweetened and called merely “cream”) and jams. Even though it is *Tea*, you can order tea, coffee or cappuccino to drink.
- A restaurant advertisement states, “Children serves available.” In America we would say, “Children’s servings available.”
- Most Australians own a small electric clothes dryer, but it is used only during rainy weather when the clothes will not dry outside. Normally, laundry, which is referred to as *the washing* is hung on the line with clothes *pegs*.
- Water is not served along with the meal unless it is specifically requested. In general, Australians do not drink beverages with meals like Americans do.
- Cappuccino is readily available anywhere one can buy regular coffee.
- Australian toilets are flushed by using a push button at the top of the tank instead of the handle American toilets have. They had a very small amount of water in the bowl.
- Australians always refer to the United States as *America*. They never say “United States” when referring to our country.
- One of the reasons taxes are high in Australia is that it is so big with so few people. Necessary services cost more per person because there is not a large tax base.
- A two liter bottle of cola was on special sale for \$2.99.
- Australians shorten many of their words and add a friendly sounding suffix. For example, breakfast is *breckie*, postman is *postie*, barbecue is *barbie*.
- A school schedule or train schedule is called a *timetable*.
- BYO Restaurants are restaurants where patrons bring their own alcoholic beverages and drink them in the restaurant. This type of restaurant is commonplace in Australia. Licensed restaurants are the only ones allowed to sell alcohol.