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29. _____ is government by the people. In a democracy the power lies in the people who elect people to represent them.
30. The Parliament is divided into 2 houses.
- The House of _____
 - The _____
31. In Australia the citizens vote for members of Parliament to represent them.
32. The leader of the political party that wins the most seats in the House of Representatives becomes the _____. The Prime Minister is the head of the government. The Prime Minister is most powerful political figure in Australia.

Role of the Citizen

33. Australians have an important role in their government. Since they have a democratic form of the government, the voters choose the lawmakers. All citizens over _____ years of age must vote. Voting is compulsory or required. If Australians do not vote they could be _____ or they may have to go to court.
34. Australians vote for members of Parliament. Voters do not vote for the head of state. The Queen holds that position.
35. Australians have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to choose their own job, and freedom to travel. They also have the opportunity to vote for leaders who make the laws.
36. The convicts, guards and their families brought the English language to Australia.
37. _____ was also interested in settling Australia. The British made settlements in the western part of Australia to keep the French out and spread the English influence.
38. _____ immigrants arrived in Australia but Chinese did not become an important language because the English-speakers were too plentiful.
39. Because of Australia's history _____ is the official language, and English is the most common language for business.

British Influence on the Religion

40. Europeans introduced _____ to Australia in 1788. Irish convicts were mostly Roman Catholic.
41. Many of the guards and their families were Protestants. They were from the _____ Church (formerly known as Church of England) and Methodist Church.
42. Today most Australians are of the Christian faith. The Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church claim the most members.
43. Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and Hindus combined make up less than 5% of the population.

Economics

44. Australia has a mixed market economy. Since the 1960s, mining has been one of Australia's main industries.
45. Australia's main trading partners are _____ and _____. At first, they became trading partners because China wanted Australia's wool for its warmth and durability.
46. China and Japan buy Australia's minerals for energy, construction, and technology.
47. Australia specializes in exporting coal, iron ore, and wool.
48. _____ - a tax on imported goods
49. _____ - a limit on the amount of products that can be imported into a country.
50. _____ - prohibit trade with another country
51. Australia has a trade embargo on exporting live cattle to _____ because of their cruel slaughter methods.

SS6G14 The student will describe the cultural characteristics of people who live in Australia.