

CHATTERBOX ONE

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ANSWERS

1. The ABS lists the life expectancy gap as 10 years. We know that poor quality data and regional variations mean that in some areas, it is even higher, up to 20 years in parts of the Northern Territory.
2. Australia. A 2001 Government report showed that the life expectancy for Indigenous people in Australia is over 10 years lower than for those in Canada, New Zealand and the USA.
3. True. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have an unbroken cultural heritage that spans between 50,000 and 65,000 years. At least 10 times older than Ancient Egyptian culture.
4. False. Only about 21% of Aboriginal Australians live in remote or very remote areas. The majority (about 79%) live in non-remote areas. By comparison, 98% of non-Indigenous Australians live in non-remote areas.
5. True. In 2008, the Council for Australian Governments set out 6 government targets to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage. These targets, inspired by the Close the Gap campaign, were named the 'Closing the Gap' targets.
6. This is a complex question. Widely recognised factors include a lack of access to culturally appropriate health services, dispossession from land, suppression of traditional culture, poor access to education, removal of Indigenous children from their families and racism.
7. Nine percent of Indigenous Australians have diabetes. This is three times higher than the rest of the Australian population.
8. All of the above are correct terms but their usage will differ! Different people will feel differently about each name. ATSI is an acronym, so should only be used sparingly as abbreviation for organisation, program or policy names. Koori, Wiradjuri and other similar names refer only to one specific group out of the many in Australia. Indigenous Australians is a broader term than Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and some feel that this detracts from the unique identity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. First Peoples is also a broad term, but has political significance in recognising our history. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is the most widely accepted term.

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The Close the Gap campaign has influenced Australian government's response to the the Indigenous health crisis. True or False?

What factors contribute to the Indigenous health crisis?

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What percentage of Indigenous Australians have diabetes?

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The majority of Aboriginal people live in remote areas. True or false?

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have the world's oldest living human culture. True or false?

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Which country has the lowest life expectancy for their Indigenous people: US, New Zealand, Australia or Canada?

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What is the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians?

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Should you say Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, ATSI, Indigenous Australians, First Peoples, Koori or Wiradjuri?

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2. True. In 2016, nearly 120,000 people all over Australia took action in support of health equality on National Close the Gap Day. More than half of these were Australian students and teachers!
3. To close the health and life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and other Australians by 2030.
4. Reducing disease and chronic conditions
More and better primary health care available
Better housing
More fresh and healthy food available
Reduce smoking rates
5. Health is not just the absence of sickness or disease. It is physical, mental and social well-being. Good health enables active participation in education, culture, employment and all aspects of life.
6. National Close the Gap Day is a day for Australia to come together around the issue of health equality. It's a day of action, to show the governments that we care about closing the Gap. It's a day of support for our First Peoples. It's a day to learn more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. It's a day to remember that our generation CAN be the ones to close the gap, for good.
7. More than 200,000 Australians have signed the petition calling on governments to take action to Close the Gap. Make the "30 for 2030 Challenge" and get 30 people to sign your pledge. Find it here: www.oxfam.org.au/ctgcschools or www.oxfam.org.au/ctg-petition
8. Quizmaster decides if the answer is right or wrong! Answers include things like: Take the 30 for 2030 Challenge/sign the pledge, join in the Close the Gap Student Photo Challenge on Instagram, help

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What does it mean to have good health?

What are some of the key National Indigenous Health Equality targets set out by the Close the Gap campaign?

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What is National Close the Gap Day?

How many people have signed the Close the Gap pledge calling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality?

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What can you do to help?

In what year was the Close the Gap Indigenous health equality campaign publicly launched?

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What is the goal of the Close the Gap campaign?

Close the Gap is Australia's biggest health equality campaign. True or False?

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