

DICTATION

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FULL INFORMATION TEXT

After World War 2 many migrants from Southern and Eastern Europe came to Australia looking for a new life. In 1945 the war ended and many countries such as Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia were poor. When they arrived many of the migrants worked in factories and on farms. They did low paid work, the work many Australians did not want to do.

Before the 1950s most people in Australia only spoke English. Australia was a very British place. The language, culture and food of the European migrants changed Australia in a big way. The White Australia Policy broke down. Australia was becoming more multicultural.

The Australian government paid the boat ticket for migrants in the 1950s. Australia needed more people for the economy to grow.

The migrants brought their new languages, culture and foods to Australia. We can thank the Italian migrants for cappuccino, pizza, pasta and nice cakes!

Today 25% of Australians have one or two parents born overseas.

Australians speak over 200 languages. In 2001 there were 353,605 Australians who spoke Italian. 263,718 Australians spoke Greek, 225,307 Cantonese, 209,372 Arabic and 174,236 Vietnamese.

**Statistics taken from Australian Human Rights Commission <http://www.hreoc.gov.au>*