

What do people think about the arts?

Australia Council for the Arts



Easy English



Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.



About this book



This book is written by
the Australia Council for the Arts.



This book tells you what people in Australia
think about the **arts**.

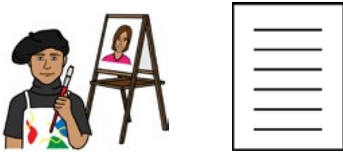


The arts include

- music
- visual art and craft
- photos
- books and poems
- theatre
- dance
- festivals.



Arts survey



In 2019 we did an **arts survey**.



The arts survey used questions to see

- if people think the arts are important



- what type of arts people like.

For example

- live music



- books



- painting



- dancing



- community arts.

Who did the survey?



Almost 9 thousand people in Australia did the survey.

The survey included Australians with different backgrounds. For example



- young people



- people with disability



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities



- people from **CALD** backgrounds.

CALD means someone might

- speak a language that is **not** English



- be from a different country

- have parents from a different country.

What we learned

What arts do people like?

People like lots of different arts.



The arts that people take part in most are

- listening to music

and



- reading books.

People like going to see many types of **arts in person**. For example

- a music concert



- stories at the library



- festivals



- dance shows.

Why do people take part in the arts?



People take part in the arts

- to have fun



- to connect with other people



- to stay happy and healthy



- to learn about different people and cultures



- to learn skills for
 - work



- school and other training.

How do people take part in the arts?



People take part in the arts

- in person

and



- online.

For example, on their computer or phone.

More people take part in the arts online and in person now than in the past.

Some people find it hard to take part in the arts

Everyone has the right to take part in the arts.

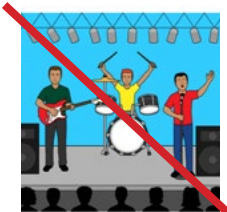


Many people would like to take part in the arts **more** if they could.



Some people **cannot** take part because

- tickets to arts events can cost lots of money
- there are **no** arts events nearby.



How important are the arts?



People in Australia think the arts are very important.



More people think the arts are important now than in the past.



More people think **First Nations arts** are important now than in the past.



First Nations arts mean arts made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Almost every person who did the survey said they take part in the arts in some way.

Why do people think the arts are important?



More people think the arts can

- help children learn



- help people feel healthy and happy



- teach people about different cultures



- help businesses



- teach new skills.

Money for the arts in Australia



Most people think the government should give money to support the arts in Australia.



People want government money to support

- arts in schools



- free or cheap arts events



- arts for a healthy and happy community.

Arts for all Australians



The arts are a big part of life for everyone in Australia.



People with disability said they like the arts because it helps them

- understand things



- connect with others.



Young people said they like the arts because it helps them

- feel happy and healthy



- understand different ideas and cultures.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people said they like the arts because it helps them

- learn skills for jobs



- bring new customers and jobs to their community.

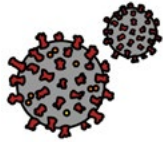


People from CALD backgrounds said they like the arts because it helps them

- share who they are with others



- learn skills for jobs.



We did the survey before the **coronavirus**.



The coronavirus

- is a health problem like the flu



- means it is **not** safe to see the arts in person for now in some places in Australia.



More information



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