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**Department of Agriculture,
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Biosecurity take home challenge

Activity answers for participants at home





Take home trivia answers

1. c) **Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry** – Our biosecurity system protects agriculture, forestry, and fisheries export industries worth \$51 billion; a tourism sector worth \$50 billion; environmental assets worth more than \$5.7 trillion; and more than 1.6 million jobs.
2. b) **Malaria** – Malaria is a disease spread to humans by some types of mosquitoes. It is not currently present in Australia.
3. a) **2 million** – Monitoring, testing and surveillance help to ensure cargo containers are free of biosecurity risk materials.
4. a) **Labradors** – In the past, beagles have been used in this role, however 100% of all biosecurity detector dogs in Australia are now Labradors.
5. b) **At least 10–30 days** – Australia's post entry quarantine facility is located in Melbourne. Pets may have to stay longer if there are issues that increase the biosecurity risk.
6. a) **By answering all questions honestly on the Incoming Passenger Card** – Passengers arriving in Australia are required by Australian law to identify themselves and provide certain information (including biosecurity information) by the completion of an Incoming Passenger Card.
7. a) **Yes, you can bring them** – Biscuits, breads, cakes and pastries are allowed in Australia if they are for personal consumption, are fully cooked, do not require refrigeration and contain no meat.
8. b) **They must be declared and checked** – Fishing, camping and sporting equipment should be inspected to ensure they are clean and not carrying soil or mud, plant matter (including algae) or animal faecal matter.
9. c) **No, you cannot bring it** – Food from the plane or ship must not be brought into Australia.
10. c) **No, you cannot bring them** – Most live plants must not be brought into Australia unless the Department of Agriculture, Forestry or Fisheries have provided you with a valid permit.
11. a) **Yes, you can bring them** – Travellers may bring up to 10kg/10L of cosmetic products if they are commercially produced and for personal use.
12. c) **All of the above** – Not all items that are intercepted are confiscated or disposed of. Sometimes the materials are treated (cleaned, fumigated) and returned to the owner if it is safe to do so.
13. a) **True** – It is important to note that as long as travellers have correctly declared any item of potential biosecurity risk on their Incoming Passenger Card, they will not be fined even if the item is confiscated.
14. c) **Cattle** – Foot-and-mouth disease was detected in Indonesia in 2023. It is estimated that an outbreak in Australia could wipe \$80 billion from the agriculture sector. Along with cattle, it can also affect sheep, goats, deer, pigs and camelids.



15. a) **Infected plants or insects** – Fortunately, Australia is currently free of *Xylella fastidiosa*. It is considered to be the number one pest threat to Australian horticultural and agricultural industries.
16. b) **Khapra beetle** – It is estimated that a Khapra beetle outbreak could cost the Australian economy \$15.5 billion over 20 years.
17. b) **Horses** – Hendra virus can be transmitted from flying fox to horse, horse to horse and horse to human. It is important that sick horses are treated immediately if Hendra virus is suspected.
18. a) **Infected camel and camel products** – As the name suggests, this illness is believed to have originated in Middle Eastern countries. There have been no cases of MERS in Australia to date and scientific evidence suggests the disease is not present in Australian camels.
19. a) **Research the types of items that can/cannot be brought back into Australia** – There are certain souvenir items that are not permitted due to the risk of them containing pests and diseases.
20. c) **All of the above** – Avian influenza (also known as bird flu) is lethal to poultry and potentially fatal to humans.

Congratulations on completing the take home trivia

Add together all the correct answers to find your total score.

20–10 points: Expert

0–9 points: Proficient



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