

CHATTERBOX ONE

How to make your chatterbox conversation-starter:

1. Cut along dotted line.
2. Fold it in half, fold out. Then fold in half the other way, and fold out.
3. With the blank side up, fold each corner into the middle.
4. Turn the chatterbox over and repeat (again folding each corner into the middle).
5. Place the chatterbox with the numbers side up and fold in half (into a rectangle shape).
6. Slide your thumb and pointer finger of both hands behind the corners and press together so that the chatterbox bends and forms a point in the middle.
7. The words Close the Gap should now be facing up.
8. Repeat with the remaining chatterboxes.
9. You now have a conversation starter for use during your event.
10. Don't lose the answers below.

ANSWERS

1. The average life expectancy gap is just over 10 years. In some areas, including the Northern Territory this is MUCH higher. If you knew your life expectancy was less than your friend or neighbour, how would this affect your outlook on life?
2. The median age of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is 22 years. This compares with 26 years for people living in Bangladesh and 38 years for non-Indigenous Australians.
3. True, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have a cultural heritage between 50,000 and 65,000 years old. When you think of ancient culture what do you think of first? Was Australia your first thought, if not, what does this mean about how we learn history?
4. Three percent of Australians identified as Aboriginal in the latest census. Why does identifying as Aboriginal matter?
5. False. It is estimated that in 1788, there were approximately 200–250 separate Aboriginal languages spoken across Australia. When a language faces extinction, what do we stand to lose?
6. 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. What about these factors is complex?
7. 4 times higher! The death rate for Aboriginal people in 2011-2015 was 378 per 1000, versus 98 per 1000 for other Australians.
8. The 13th of February, 2018, marks a decade since then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made his apology speech to the stolen generations on behalf of the Australian parliament. Openly admitting to historical wrongs is a difficult and humbling task, how does this build community ties? This was an important step forward in reconciliation however there is still a long way to go.

CLOSE

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There was around a dozen commonly spoken Aboriginal languages prior to European settlement. True or false?

4

What percentage of Australians identify as Aboriginal?

or false?

Can you list factors which contribute to the Indigenous health crisis?

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2018

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How much higher is the rate of death for Aboriginal people between the ages of 25 and 44 than for other Australians?

8

Which historic milestone in working towards reconciliation with our Indigenous communities will celebrate its 10 year anniversary in 2018?

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

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What is the median age of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders?

THE

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

GAP