

Cross the odd one out .

religious — silence — Orthodox — saint

harvest — death — tragedy — pain;

memorial — memory — moreover — remembrance;

blow up — commemorate — celebrate — honour;

crowd — procession — parade — pride;

fireworks — union — bonfire — gunpowder

Read about one of the holidays in Australia and put the verbs in brackets into the right tense.

Australia Day is the official National Day of Australia celebrated annually on 26th of January. The holiday *(mark)* the day in 1788 when British ships arrived in Australia and the first European settlement was established.

It is a public holiday in every state and territory of Australia, unless it *(fall)* on a weekend in which case the following Monday becomes a holiday instead. All schools and post offices *(close)*.

Australia Day *(celebrate)* with many kinds of sporting events, such as horse races and sailing races (also called 'regattas').

Different places in Australia celebrate the day differently. For example, Sydney *(have)* boat races including a ferry race and the tall ships race, while Adelaide celebrates with a parade, concert, fireworks, and a cricket match. As many people receive the day off from work, they use this time among other things to barbecue, go to outdoor concerts, and play or watch sports events. The festivities often *(end)* with an evening of fireworks.

Australia Day was first celebrated in the early 1800s, when it *(call)* Foundation Day. The celebrations were mostly private dinners held by politicians and businessmen.

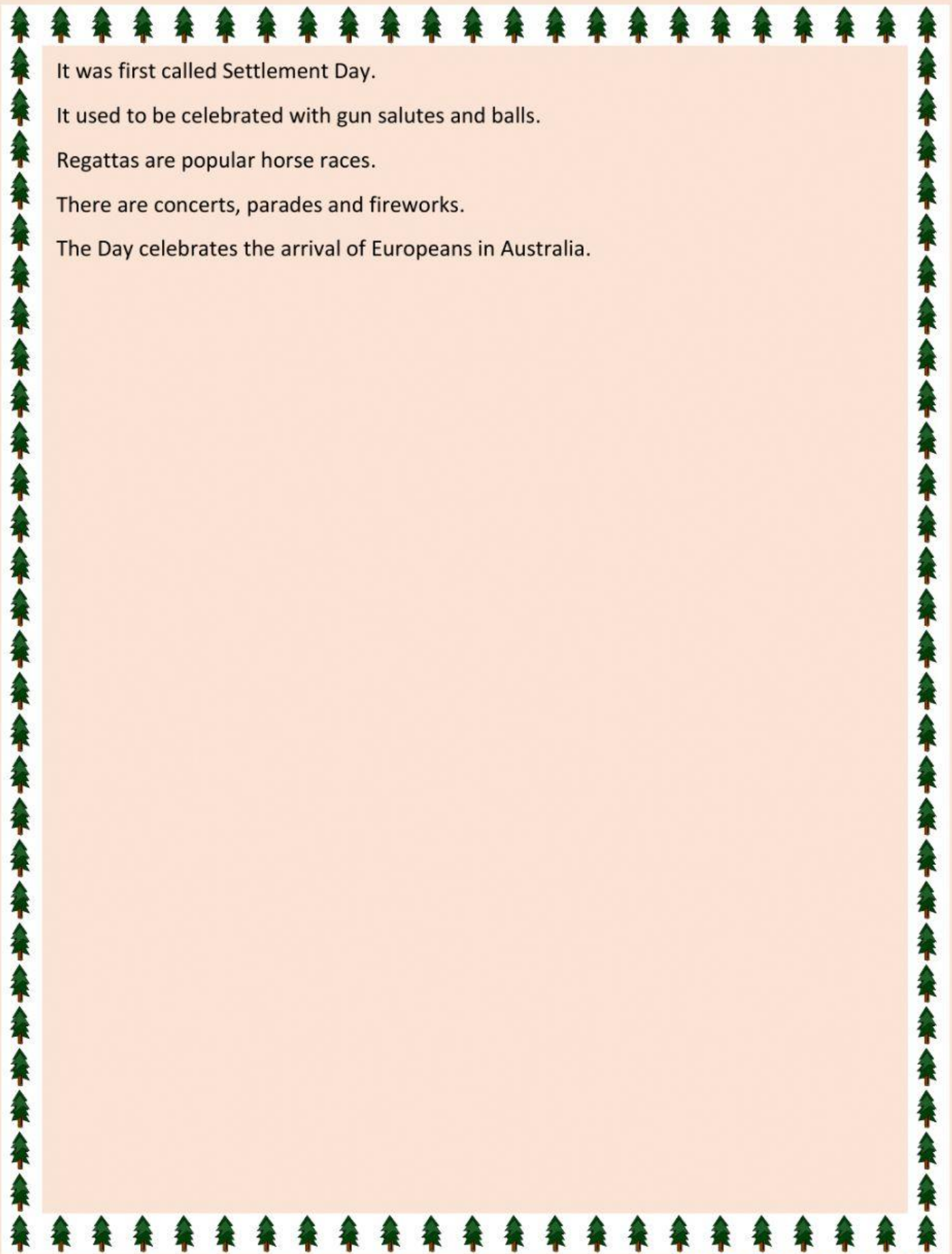
In 1818, on the 30th anniversary, the day *(celebrate)* with a 30-gun salute and a ball. In the following years, employees of banks and other organisations were also given a day off.

Read the text again. Are the statements below true (T) or false (F)?

Australia Day is a day off.

People celebrate Australia Day playing or watching sports after work.

Australia Day is celebrated all around Australia.



It was first called Settlement Day.

It used to be celebrated with gun salutes and balls.

Regattas are popular horse races.

There are concerts, parades and fireworks.

The Day celebrates the arrival of Europeans in Australia.