

**GAP FILL:** Put the words that you hear into the gaps in the text.

## Australians happiest people in the world

**BNE:** Australians are the happiest people in the world \_\_\_\_\_ to a survey undertaken by market researchers GfK NOP. The \_\_\_\_\_ conducted door-to-door surveys and interviews with 30,000 people in 30 countries. They asked respondents how \_\_\_\_\_ they were with their \_\_\_\_\_ quality of life. Forty-six percent of Australians proclaimed to be "very happy" and \_\_\_\_\_ optimism about their future. Following them in the "very happy" \_\_\_\_\_ was the USA (40 percent), Egypt (36 percent), India (34 percent) and the UK and Canada (32 percent). Hungary got the \_\_\_\_\_ spoon, finishing bottom of the happiness chart. Thirty-five percent of its citizens said they were either "disappointed" or "very unhappy", \_\_\_\_\_ by Russians at 30 percent.

The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrated that money and age were \_\_\_\_\_ determinants in how happy people are. Although the study could not prove money could buy happiness, it did \_\_\_\_\_ a link between a lack of money and unhappiness. Less happy populations were found \_\_\_\_\_ lower income groups or the unemployed. The study \_\_\_\_\_ the older we become, the less happy we are. Globally, teenagers are the happiest people. The age group with the lowest levels of happiness was 50-59 – only 16 percent of those in their \_\_\_\_\_ said they were very happy. The things that make us happy include good health, financial security and a happy marriage. Material \_\_\_\_\_ such as cars, clothes and gadgets ranked comparatively \_\_\_\_\_.