

# Nelson English Usage

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## *What's in a name? – Answers*

- 1 The area was populated by Indigenous Australians prior to settlement.  
Settlers adopted the existing name rather than replace it with something new.

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Name	True or false?
Werribee	True
Goondiwindi	True
Narre Warren	True
Fremantle	False
Artarmon	False
Geelong	True
Noosa	True
Parramatta	True
Perth	False
Launceston	False
Mount Gambier	False

3 Canberra

4 Student responses will vary. Examples could include:

Akuna Bay	Gundagai	Maroubra
Allambie	Gunnedah	Menindee
Aroona	Guyra	Mildura
Balgowlah	Gympie	Moe
Balladonia	Illawong	Monbulk
Bega	Jindabyne	Nar Nar Goon
Benalla	Jindalee	Narrabeen
Berrima	Kakadu	Narrandera
Bondi	Kalgoorlie	Prahran
Bundaberg	Kallangur	Puckapunyal
Caboolture	Karratha	Queanbeyan
Cabramatta	Kerang	Tallarook
Caringbah	Kingaroy	Tambo
Coober Pedy	Kirribilli	Thredbo
Coomera	Kurrajong	Tocumwal
Coonalpyn	Lang Lang	Toowoomba
Dubbo	Mallacoota	Ulladulla
Echuca	Maroochydore	Wagga Wagga

Wangaratta  
Warracknabeal  
Warragul

Wodonga  
Wollongong  
Woolloongabba

Woy Woy  
Yass  
You Yangs

- 5 Student responses will vary. Reasons listed might include repetition of words, e.g. Wagga Wagga, nj and ng spellings, e.g. Ngarrindjeri; heavy use of r, n, j, g, m, k and w sounds; hard vowel sounds, e.g. the hard E in Menindee, the hard O in Coober Pedy; double-letter spellings (especially R and L), e.g. Narrabri, Woolloongabba; and a tendency to end with a vowel sound, e.g. Coomera, Echuca, Gundagai.
- 6 Student responses will vary.
- 7 Student responses will vary, but common features should include some of those listed in the answer for Question 5.