

Country music history

VERBS

ACTION verbs express an action in the physical world. eg. danced, ran, jump, eat

SENSING verbs describe emotions, thoughts, perceptions. eg. dislikes, thought, hoped, loves.

SAYING verbs describe different ways of speaking. eg. said, yells, talked, whispers.

RELATING verbs describe what is, what is true, what exists. These verbs link pieces of information in a sentence. eg. be, have, is, are, were, was, seems, mean, becomes.

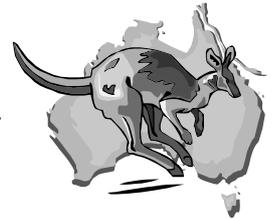
Circle the verbs in these sentences. Write on the line whether the verb is an action, sensing, saying or relating verb.

1. There was a piano on one of the ships in the First Fleet. _____
2. Early settlers liked portable instruments, such as the fiddle and mouth organ. _____
3. People composed songs about daily life in Australia. _____
4. "Waltzing Matilda", stated Tony. _____
5. In the 1880s and 1890s, writers such as Banjo Patterson and Henry Lawson started a tradition of bush ballads. _____



Think up a verb to complete these sentences.

1. Radio _____ in Australia in 1923.
2. This _____ an important development, because music could be _____ around the country .
3. The gramophone, a wind-up record player, _____ popular by the early 1930s.
4. In the 1930s, American and Australian country music could be _____ on radio and on gramophone discs.
5. The first Australian country music star _____ Tex Morton, _____ as the "Father of Country Music."
6. Tex _____ American songs, but importantly, Australian songs too.



Underline the verb and circle the subject of each sentence. Add capital letters for all proper nouns and the names of songs. Add commas to separate lists of nouns.

1. The first Australian country girl to record solo was Shirley Thoms.
2. Other famous country singers in the 1930s and 1940s were Buddy Williams, Slim Dusty, Reg Lindsay and Smoky Dawson.
3. Slim Dusty's most famous song was "The Pub with No Beer", released in 1957.
4. This song became Australia's first international number one hit.
5. Another very popular song was "I've Been Everywhere" by Geoff Mack.
6. This song is still popular and was used on a TV ad for Telstra.

