

A. Read the first part of the text and answer the questions.

1. Find information about the Australian currency and its changes.

	Before 1966	Today	In the future
The lowest-denomination banknote	The lowest-denomination banknote was the ten-shilling note	The lowest banknote is the \$5 note	The lowest banknote will still be the \$5 note
Its design	It featured Matthew Flinders, a navigator and cartographer	The lowest banknote shows a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II	It will show Indigenous designs
Presence of the monarch	The Queen appeared on the pound note	The Queen appears on the 5-dollar banknote	Charles III will not appear on the lowest-denomination note

2. Do you know why the Queen's portrait appears on Australian money? You can search on the internet if you don't know why.

Because Australia was a former British colony and Queen Elizabeth II was Australia's head of state until she died.

3. Who were these changes announced by? Who do you think made the decision?

They were announced by the Reserve Bank of Australia. So the decision must have been made by the Australian government.

4. This decision is in line with the preferences of most Australian citizens. True or false? Justify using your own words.

False: 43% of Australian people don't want King Charles III to replace Elizabeth II. So 57% either disapprove of it or don't have an opinion. In fact a third of Australians would rather have notes that still feature the monarch. But there are more people who want the British monarch to disappear from the notes than people who want to keep the tradition.

5. What do the Reserve Bank of Australia's decision and the opinion poll show about the preferences of Australian citizens?

Maybe Australian people don't want the British monarch to be their head of state anymore. King Charles III may not be as popular as his mother. They think the Reserve Bank had better choose someone else or they would prefer to have bills which show the diversity of Australian culture.

B. Read the second part of the text and answer the questions.

1. Find information about the people mentioned in the text and fill in the table.

	Queen Elizabeth II	David Malangi Daymirringu	HC "Nugget" Coombs
Function	The British monarch. (She is also the head of state of Australia.)	An Australian artist. He must be an Indigenous person.	The Reserve Bank's governor at the time in 1966.
The \$1 note	Queen Elizabeth was shown on one side.	On the other side there was a design inspired by a painting by an Aboriginal artist whose name is David Malangi Daymirringu. The works of other artists were represented too.	As he was the bank's governor and supported Indigenous people, he must have thought showing the queen and Aboriginal designs was the right thing to do.

2. Explain why Coombs had to "make amends" and what happened later.

He had not asked the artists for permission to use their work. And the artists had not been paid for it. The Bank decided to give Indigenous artists the same amount as other artists.

GRAMMAR CORNER

Preference

Il existe de multiples manières d'exprimer une préférence en anglais. On peut notamment utiliser les structures suivantes :

- **prefer + GN** : *She preferred the queen to the new king.* (Elle préférait la reine au nouveau roi.)
- **prefer / would prefer to + V** : *I would prefer the government to choose someone else.* (Je préférerais que le gouvernement choisisse quelqu'un d'autre.)
- **would rather + V** : *I know you would like to see Charles III's portrait on the new notes, but I'd rather have notes that pay tribute to Aboriginal people.* (Je sais que tu aimerais que le portrait de Charles III soit sur les nouveaux billets, mais je préférerais avoir des billets qui rendent hommage aux Aborigènes.)
- **had better + V** : *I think we'd better choose an Australian person.* (Je pense que nous ferions mieux de choisir une personne australienne.)

Traduisez les phrases suivantes en vous concentrant sur la manière d'exprimer la préférence.

1. Je préférerais vivre dans une république.

I would prefer to live in a republic.

2. Vous feriez mieux de ne pas toucher à la constitution actuelle.

You had better not touch the current constitution.

3. Je préférerais visiter des endroits associés à la monarchie britannique en Australie.

I would rather visit places associated with the British monarchy in Australia.

4. Certains Australiens préfèrent la monarchie constitutionnelle à une république.

Some Australians prefer a constitutional monarchy to a republic.