

QANTAS

The humble beginnings of Qantas started in 1920. W Hudson Fysh, Paul McGinness and Fergus McMaster established the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services (QANTAS) Ltd with two open-cabin biplanes.



Today Qantas is the second oldest airline in the world and the company and its flying kangaroo symbols are Australian icons.

The Flying Kangaroo

Qantas's original 'kangaroo route' to England, with its multiple hopping stops, led to the use of the flying kangaroo as the company emblem. Initially based on the kangaroo featured on the Australian one-penny coin, the branding evolved into its most recognisable form in about 1984.



Qantas Today

From its small beginnings in outback Queensland with three staff and two open-cabin biplanes, Qantas has expanded to become Australia's largest airline, now based in Sydney with a fleet of more than 130 aircraft.

Qantas, along with its subsidiary Jetstar, moved about 51 million passengers in 2015–16, operating more than 5000 flights a week to both domestic and international destinations.

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Questions

1. What year did Qantas start?

2. How many passengers travelled on Qantas and Jetstar in 2015–16?

(Circle the correct answer)

5 thousand / 500 thousand / 51 million

3. How many planes did Qantas start out with in 1920?

4. What animal is the emblem of Qantas?

5. Qantas is the oldest airline in the world. True / False

6. Finish the acronym.

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