

# AUSTRALIA EASY

## History

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## Why did they send prisoners to Australia?

Before 1782, English prisoners were sent to America. But after 1783 America did not want to get more prisoners to their country.

England had to find somewhere else to send their prisoners. New South Wales in Australia was the new place for prisoners.



Before = före  
Prisoners = fångar  
somewhere else = någon annanstans  
place = plats

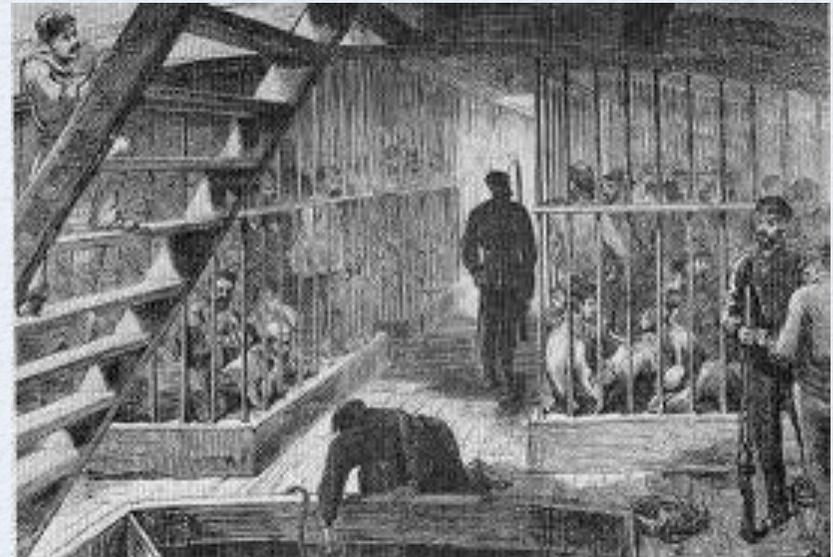
# LIFE IN BRITAIN

Life in Britain was very hard. When new machines came and people were no longer needed, to do farming jobs, they moved to the cities.

Too many came to the cities. Many people didn't have a job and were very poor. People stole things to survive.

If you made a simple crime for example stealing things, cutting down a tree on someones land or stealing cattle you would be sent to another country like Australia.

The prisons quickly became full and prisoners were put in old, rotting prison ships called hulks.



Needed = behövde  
Farming = jordbruk  
poor = fattiga  
Survive = överleva  
simple crimes = enkla brott  
Cutting = hugga  
cattle = boskap  
Rotting = ruttnande

# HULKS

These ships were usually old and could not go to sea anymore but could still float safely in the harbour.

## WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE ON THE HULKS?

It was terrible. Too many prisoners were put on the ship and often there wasn't even room to stand up!

A hulk could be up to 65 metres long. On board each hulk there could be up to 300 prisoners. There were many diseases on board and prisoners died. Between 1776 and 1795 nearly 2000 out of almost 6000 prisoners on hulks, died.

The prisoners did not get much food and had to work hard for 10 hours every day



Float = flyta  
Safely = tryggt  
harbour = hamn  
terrible = hemskt  
room = plats (i den här texten)  
on board = ombord  
Diseases = sjukdomar  
almost = nästan

# EXERCISE

Answer these questions in Swedish!

1. Why did the British send prisoners to Australia?
2. Why did many farmers move to the cities?
3. Why did some people begin to steal?
4. What was life like on the Hulks?

