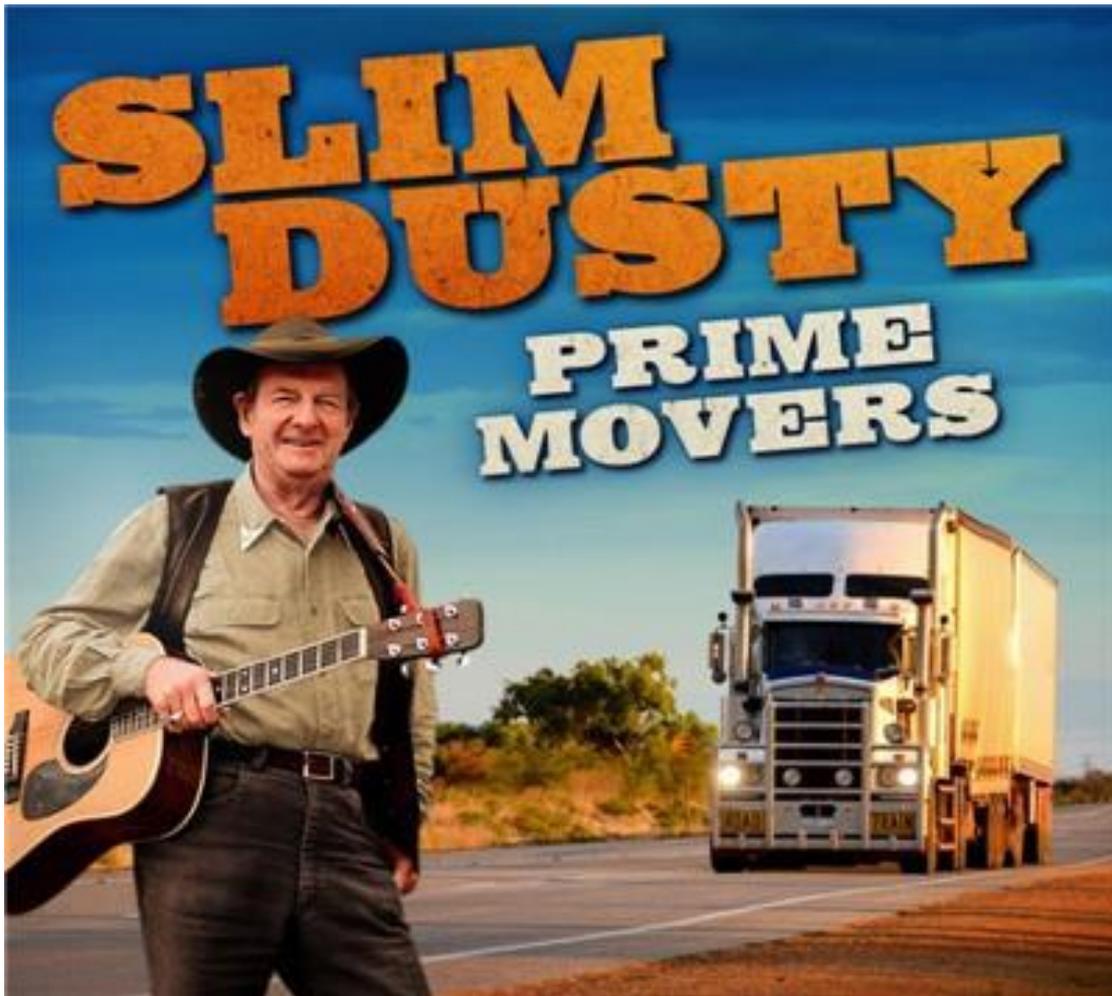




“The Slim Dusty Movie”.



“The Slim Dusty Movie” is a brilliant musical about Slim Dusty’s life.

If you like country singing this one is a gem! Apart from the story of his early life Slim Dusty stars as himself.

And he is great.

It shows outback Australia and the people who live there and the songs that unite them.

“Kilometres Are Still Miles to Me”

Australian's favourite singer!
My favourite singer too!!

Slim Dusty 1927 – 2003

During his lifetime, Dusty was considered an Australian National Treasure. His thousands of songs included

“A pub with no beer.”

“Walk a country mile.”

“G'Day G'Day”

“Duncan”

“The road to Gundagai”.

Slim Dusty was Australia's most successful and prolific musical artist.

Who can forget Slim singing "Waltzing Matilda", Australia's national song, at the closing ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rU3fy1lx9Zo>

One of Slim Dusty's early trucking road songs was this one.

“Kilometres Are Still Miles to Me”.

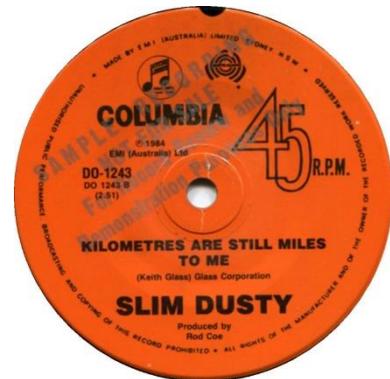
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Kilometres are still miles to me
They separate from home and family
Now I can't count the white posts,
They're not where they used to be,
Kilometres are still miles to me

Oh, it used to be five hundred
From Melbourne to Sydney Town,
Now it seems longer
Every time the run comes 'round.
But I just keep a churning on
Just to stand on my two feet
But I'm weighed down in metrics,

Yes kilometres are still miles to me
They separate from home and family
Now I can't count the white posts,
They're not where they used to be,
Kilometres are still miles to me

The familiar sign are gone
And I'm wondering why.
I know the dog is still
Five miles from Gundagai.
Pumping litres more than gallons



Into this old rig
And my seven ounce at the end of the day
Is two hundred mils too big

Yes kilometres are still miles to me
They separate from home and family
Now I can't count the white posts,
They're not where they used to be,
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Questions!

The 55 Dollar Question.

“Oh, it used to be five hundred
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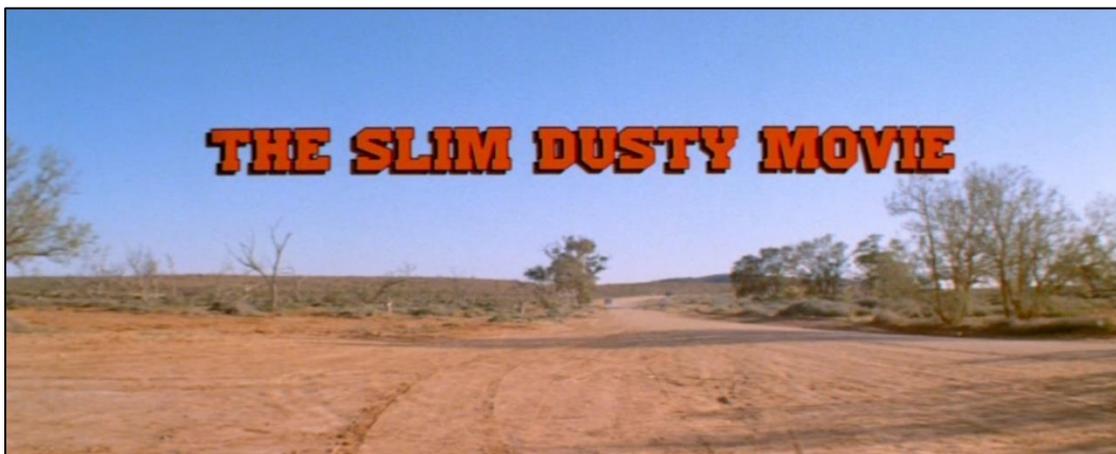
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THE SLIM DUSTY MOVIE



Answers “Kilometres Are Still Miles to Me”

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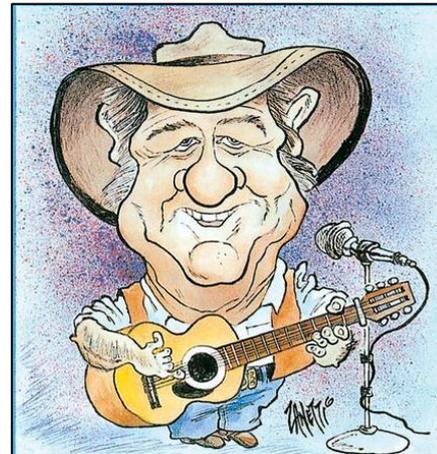
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Teacher notes.

- It is nice to use some oldie truck music in maths!
- Students should search themselves for the conversion from miles to kilometres. It is a good exercise for them!
- Meanwhile you could play the Slim Dusty tracks!
- Another one is here about Gundagai!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1KH9qBWK1E>

- Remember the radio series “Dad and Dave” ?
Probably not !

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