

Tropical Ecology  
Assignment #3  
*Currency Conversion*

While we're in Australia, you will have many opportunities to buy things. Unless you're comfortable just handing over your money without really understanding how much you're paying for something, you'll need to be able to convert Australian dollars to U.S. dollars and vice versa. This assignment is designed to give you practice doing those conversions.

On Monday, February 16, 2004, the conversion rates were:

1 US Dollar (USD) = 1.26711 Australian Dollar (AUD)

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.78920 US Dollar (USD)

This assignment is due in class Wednesday, February 25th. I want you to show all your work so just do your calculations and write your answers on a separate piece of paper that you can turn in.

1. In Australia, a new Mercedes SL-350 costs AU\$209,900. How much is that in U.S. dollars?
2. While we are in Cairns, you will have the chance to eat in restaurants. If you find a hamburger that costs AU\$9.50, a milkshake for AU\$3.50, and chips for AU\$3.50, how much will your meal cost in U.S. dollars?
3. In Australia, Bill Bryson's book, *In a Sunburned Country*, is called *Down Under*. It costs AU\$20.58. How much is that in U.S. dollars?
4. Your plane ticket to Australia cost US\$1395. How much is that in Australian dollars?
5. If you have US\$15.00, is that enough to buy a t-shirt that costs AU\$22.50?
6. Imagine you decide to take US\$200 with you Australia. How much is that in Australian dollars?
7. Imagine that you take US\$200 with you to Australia and that you spend AU\$224.60 while you are there. How much money do you have left, in U.S. dollars?