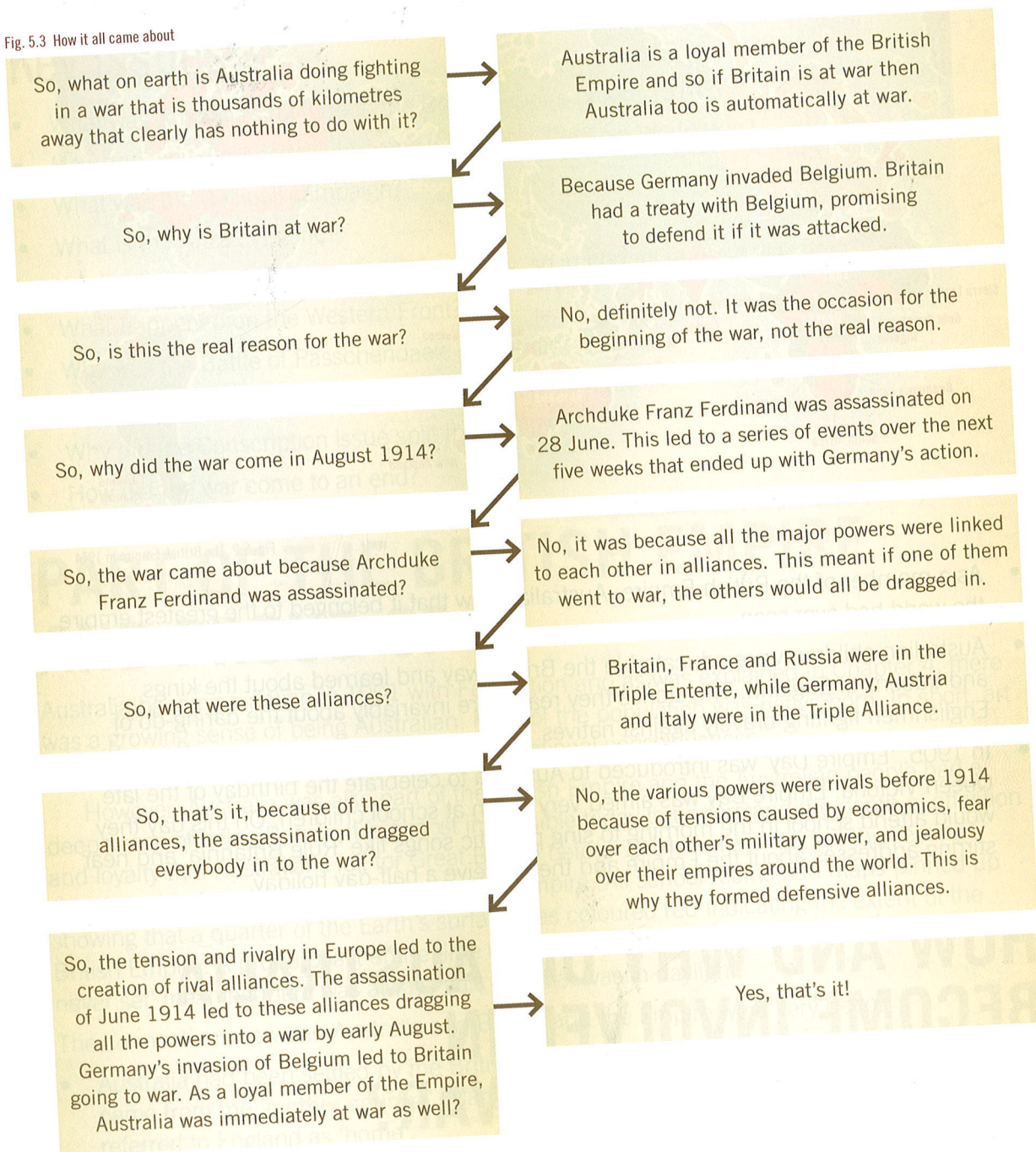


Fig. 5.3 How it all came about



How did the Australians react to news of the outbreak of war in August 1914?

As explained earlier, it was taken for granted that Australia would give immediate support to Britain in the war with Germany. The Australian Prime Minister, Joseph Cook, stated at the time: *Whatever happens, Australia is part of the Empire right to the full. When the Empire is at war, so is Australia at war.*