

Activity Worksheet 1

Spelling

List words					
northern	eastern	southern	western	harbour	valuable
missionaries	continuous	discoveries	centuries	specific	sacred
resistance	resources	fossilised	stencils	invasion	mixture
occasionally	original	engraving	etching	ochre	stencils
authorities	warriors	abduction	disastrous	historical	variety

Spotting spelling errors

1. Which word in each sentence is spelt incorrectly? Write each one out correctly on the lines provided.

a) The star constellation of Tagai can be seen in the southen skies.

b) Some cave sites were in continous use for many centuries.

c) Bennelong's abduction was ordered by the governor of New South Wales.

d) Hand stencils are made using a mixture of ocher and water in specific quantities.

e) Many valuable historical discoveries have been made, including fosillised bones.

Prefixes and suffixes

2. Which list word begins with the prefix 're'? Write it on the line provided. _____

3. Which five list words have a prefix that can be used as a three-letter word on its own? Write them on the lines provided.

4. Which four list words end with the suffix 'ern'? Write them on the lines provided.

5. Which two list words end with the suffix 'ous'? Write them on the lines provided.

Working with Syllables

6. How many syllables are in each of these words? Write the number in the spaces provided. *Tip: Syllables relate to the 'sounds' that combinations of letters make. Treat the suffix 'sion' or 'tion' as a single syllable (pronounced 'shen').*

- a) harbour _____ b) continuous _____ c) occasionally _____ d) missionaries _____
e) fossilised _____ f) southern _____ g) abduction _____ h) ochre _____

7. Separate these nonsense words into pairs of list words.

- (a) southcenthernuries _____ and _____
(b) valuspecifableic _____ and _____
(c) disfossilastrousised _____ and _____
(d) orioccasioinginallyl _____ and _____
(e) mixabducturetion _____ and _____

8. Syllabify (break into separate syllables) these spelling words in the list: a) resistance b) stencils c) sacred d) continuous
Tip: remember all syllables must have a vowel, even where that vowel is the only letter in the syllable.

- a) ____ / ____ / _____ b) ____ / _____ c) ____ / _____ d) ____ / ____ / ____ / _____

Activity Worksheet 2

Language and Grammar

Shades of Meaning

Should you wish to visit our communities, you may find that there are organised tours, in many cases led by Indigenous Australians. If not, it is advisable to write, phone or fax the council in any community you wish to visit. There are some communities, especially in remote areas, where you need to seek permission to enter before your visit as it is legally privately held land. This also ensures your safety in remote and difficult terrain, and helps to protect the community from unwelcome intrusions, especially at times of mourning.

Some communities have areas of cultural and spiritual significance that are restricted to the general public, so it is always a good idea to ask whether or not such areas exist in the community you visit. For instance, it is inappropriate to swim in some waterholes and there are other areas that are restricted.

Source: *The Little Red Yellow Black Book - An introduction to Indigenous Australia* (4th edition), Aboriginal Studies Press, AIATSIS, Canberra, 2018, pp 186-187.

1. In each of these sentences from pages 186-187 of *The Little Red Yellow Black Book*, one word or phrase has been replaced by a less specific one. Compare each sentence to the original versions from the text, then complete the table.

Tip: Some have been filled in to help you.

- a) Should you wish to visit our places, you may find that there are organised tours, in many cases led by Indigenous Australians.
- b) There are some communities, especially in far areas, where you need to seek permission to enter before your visit as it is legally privately held land.
- c) This also ensures your safety in remote and difficult areas, and helps to protect the community from unwelcome intrusions, especially at times of mourning.
- d) Some communities have areas of cultural and spiritual significance that are restricted to the general public, so it is always a good idea to ask whether or not such areas are in the community you visit.
- e) For instance, it is wrong to swim in some waterholes and there are other areas that are restricted.

	replacement word used here	specific word used in the original text
a)		
b)		
c)		
d)		
e)		

Proper Nouns

2. Look at this list of words from the text and decide whether each one is a common or proper noun. Circle your answers.

Note: capitals have been omitted for the purposes of this task.

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|-----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| a) jimmy little | common noun | or proper noun | e) meriam le | common noun | or proper noun |
| b) authorities | common noun | or proper noun | f) bennelong | common noun | or proper noun |
| c) aunty | common noun | or proper noun | g) european | common noun | or proper noun |
| d) yolngu | common noun | or proper noun | h) languages | common noun | or proper noun |

Idioms

3. Many Indigenous Australian people speak a variety of Aboriginal English which includes some words adapted from the English language. Some common idioms appear below. Write the letters in the correct spaces to define them.

- a) **aunty and uncle**
- b) **sorry business**
- c) **deadly**
- d) **gammon**
- e) **unna**
- f) **grannies**

- _____ refers to something that is pretend or false
- _____ means 'really awesome', 'wicked' or 'mad'
- _____ means 'grandchildren'
- _____ terms of respect for older people who may not be relatives
- _____ refers to mourning and funerals for the dead
- _____ means 'do you agree?' or 'isn't it?'