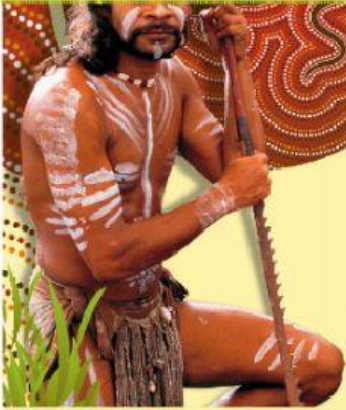


THE GARMA FESTIVAL

Check these words

didgeridoo, Aboriginal, announce, come together in unity, continent, tribes, settlers, soul, spirit, bond, handmade boomerang, bark, constructed, hang, background, holy ground, highlight, gatherings, discuss, invest, attendance



The sound of the didgeridoo, the traditional musical instrument of Aboriginal Australians, announces the beginning of the Garma Festival. This annual celebration of Aboriginal culture is a call to all people to come together in unity. During the festival, visitors enjoy the traditional art, dance, music and song of the Yolngu tribe, but Garma is not just about the ways that the Yolngu did things in the past. The Garma Festival is also about their future.

Aboriginal Australians like the Yolngu have lived on the continent for over 40,000 years. There were many different tribes each with their own language. When European settlers arrived in the eighteenth century, though, the Aboriginals lost their land and many of them died. Luckily, their culture survived and is now an important part of Australian life.

Aboriginal Australians believe that everything has a soul or a spirit, including the landscape and the weather. This creates a unique bond between the people and the land. They tell stories and paint pictures about The Dreaming, the time when the world began. Aboriginal Australian art is famous not just for the handmade boomerangs or decorated didgeridoos for tourists, but for valuable bark paintings and carefully constructed dot paintings that now hang in art galleries around the world. In the Yolngu language Garma is something that takes place when people from different backgrounds meet to share knowledge. The festival is held on holy ground in the forest as a way to highlight the past and raise awareness about the future of Aboriginal Australians. There are traditional dances and didgeridoo performances, but there are also gatherings to discuss ways of investing in the native people and their land. Not everyone can attend the festival. This special event that brings together the past, present and future is so popular that attendance is by invitation only. People can apply through the Garma Festival website.

If you are interested, visit www.yyf.com.au

2 b) Match the words in bold to their meanings: **CHECK**

makes **known**

=



sacred

=



having been part of a culture for a long time

=



yearly

=



presence

=



local

=



continued to exist

=



information you have about a subject

=



made without using a machine

=



meetings

=



created

=



the non-physical part of sb or sth

=



ask formally for sth

=



Vocabulary

1 ★ Match the words in the two columns....

 ... 1 musical	A bond
 ... 2 unique	B souvenirs
 ... 3 handmade	C instrument
 ... 4 return	D knowledge
 ... 5 share	E address
 ... 6 raise	F post
 ... 7 registered	G awareness

Translate phrases:

★ Now, use them to complete the sentences....

musical instrument

unique bond

handmade souvenirs

return address

share knowledge

raise awareness

registered post

- 1 Mary wants to learn to play a like the guitar....
- 2 Don't forget to write the on the envelope....
- 3 The Aboriginal people have a with their land....
- 4 By communicating people and ideas....
- 5 City officials have tried to about protecting the environment....
- 6 Sally sent the letter by
- 7 We bought to give to our family and friends....

2 ★ Fill in: lose, announce, survive, construct, hang, highlight in the correct form. CHECK ...

- 1 The mayor his decision to resign last night. ...
- 2 Many Aboriginals their land when the European settlers arrived. ...
- 3 The city this building in 1948. ...
- 4 Australian Aboriginal culture for many years. ...
- 5 Can you help me this painting? ...
- 6 Yesterday's report the need to preserve ancient cultures. ...

3 ★ Choose the correct word. ...

- 1 The politician asked his supporters to come together **in/on** unity. ...
- 2 The celebration is held **on/at** holy ground. ...
- 3 Admission to the ceremony is **by/in** invitation only. ...
- 4 The natives have lived **on/at** the continent for many years. ...
- 5 The Aboriginal Australians are famous **at/for** their handmade art. ...
- 6 Please send the letter **by/at** airmail. ...