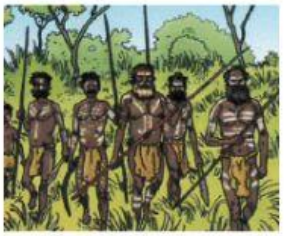
How the British colonized Australia I Reported speech I A2/B1 level

Cette fiche de travail va vous permettre d'approfondir un point de l'histoire d'Australie et de travailler une nouvelle notion grammaticale: **le discours indirect.**
Vous devrez commencer par visionner la vidéo ci-dessous et noter les points clés de cette notion grammaticale.
Vous pourrez également vous aider du PDF en pièce jointe qui reprend les diapositives explicatives.

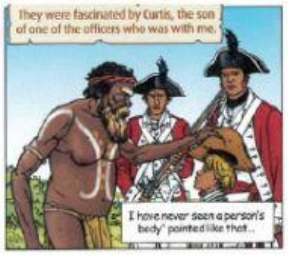
A – Watch this video about the reported speech: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dJphY1-gig

B – Read the comic strip "How the British colonized Australia" and answer the following questions.

1. **In what century did Great-Britain colonize Australia? .....**
2. **What were the ships that brought the first European to Australia called? .....**
3. **How long did the journey from Great Britain to Australia take? .....**
4. **How many ships composed the fleet? .....**
5. **What does the number 850 correspond to? .....**
6. **When was Botany Bay first discovered and by whom ? .....**
7. **What are all the names that can be used to talk the first peoples of Australia?**



☐ Indians
☐ Aborigines / Aboriginals
☐ Australian people
☐ Native Australians
☐ Indigenous
☐ Settlers



8. **When Curtis saw Indians for the first time, he said: "I have never seen a person's body painted like that."**
Complete sentence using the indirect speech.
He said he ..... a person's body painted like that.

Le discours « direct » et le discours « indirect »
Quand une personne parle directement, on dit qu'elle tient un discours .....
A l'écrit, on met les paroles de la personne qui parle entre «... ».

Quand à l'inverse on rapporte ce que quelqu'un d'autre a dit, c'est un discours .....
Il faut alors opérer quelques changements au niveau des déterminants démonstratifs, des pronoms, du temps des verbes, etc.
Avez-vous repéré le changement que le verbe subit dans l'exemple ci-dessus au discours indirect ?
Le verbe au ..... passe au .....

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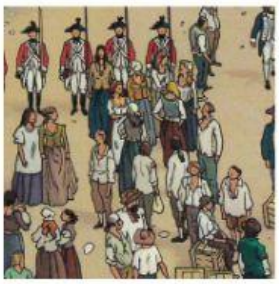
9. Use the indirect speech to report what Captain Tench though about his first meeting with the native Australians:

Captain Tench though: "this first meeting has gone well".

Captain Tench .....

10. **Why was Botany Bay not a good place for the Europeans to settle?**

- ☐ the place was already inhabited by the native Australians
- ☐ the land was too far away from England
- ☐ the land was too dry and it was difficult to cultivate plants



11. Who were the non-military people disembarking the ship?

- ☐ The native Australians
- ☐ Prisoners from Great Britain
- ☐ Tourists from Great Britain



12. Complete the comment of this British prisoners into the indirect speech.

The prisoner said .... new prison and that .... escape and that .... miles from anywhere.

13. **What exact date did the prisoners disembark**? .....

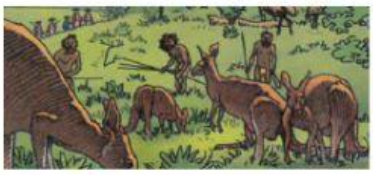
Why is this date important today? .....

14. Were the prisoners sent to Australia kept in jails?





- ☐ Yes, they were locked up in prison cells
- ☐ No, they lived in camps and the British army used them as labour to build the settlement
- ☐ No, they were free to start a new life for themselves



15. **Why did the Indians hunt the kangaroos?**

- ☐ to eat their meat
- ☐ because they were dangerous animals
- ☐ for fun

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16. Use the indirect speech to report what the captain said.

He said .... capture some Indians and observe them. He ordered .... sure none ..... killed. He added that anyone guilty of their murder ..... be hanged.



17. Who was Arabaroo?

- ☐ a native Australian who wanted to become British
- ☐ a native Australian the British captured to observe
- ☐ a slave



18. **Why did the British run out of food?**

- ☐ they couldn't grow food
- ☐ the ships from Britain didn't arrive on time
- ☐ the British prisoners stole the food
- ☐ the native Australian destroyed the crops

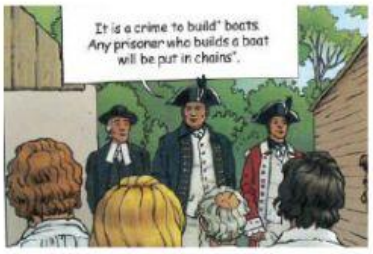


19. **Use the indirect speech to report what the dialogue between the woman trying to escape and the sailor .**

The men on the boat ordered the woman .... and the mother asked her daughter .... faster.

20. **Why did the prisoners try to escape?**

- ☐ because they were afraid of the Native Australians
- ☐ because life was too hard in Australia
- ☐ because they were used as slaves



21. **Use the reported speech to report what the captain said.**

The captain told the prisoners that it ..... a crime to build boats and that any prisoner who ..... a boat ..... put in chains.



22. **Use the reported speech to report what the captain told this couple.**

The captain told those prisoners that they .... prison sentence and that .... the camp.

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23. **Was Abaroo happy that the British colonized Australia? Tick all the reasons**

- ☐ **yes, because she got a good job**
- ☐ **yes, because the British brought money and built houses**
- ☐ **no, because the British brought diseases**
- ☐ **no, because the British destroyed their sacred land**



24. **What did the captain explain?**

He ..... that those new prisoners ..... help ..... to clear the land and plant crops. He added that England ..... succeed in colonising Australia.

25. Now, write a short text to explain the first years of British colonization betweek 1788 and 1791. Use the write tense.

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