



Report from Australia



7 a.m. It is very hot and we are in a Land Rover. Yunkurra Taylor, seventeen, has got rock music on his MP3 player. We see a wild camel! We follow it and the men hunt the camel with guns. I am here in the desert of Western Australia with the Martu people. There are 1000 Martu in a very big area – it is the size of Greece!

They speak five Aboriginal languages, **like** Manyjilyjarra and English is their second language. They live in small **villages, like** Jigalong and Parnngurr.

Yunkurra's group comes from Parnngurr – it has modern houses, a school, a clinic with a nurse and a shop. The Martu **people** still have a traditional lifestyle – Martu artists paint beautiful pictures and the Martu get food from the desert. The **women** and **children** usually hunt lizards and collect fruit. The **men** usually hunt animals, **like** kangaroos, **birds** and wild camels.

8 p.m. We are at our camp in the desert. We make a fire and cook the camel meat. Yunkurra's dad shares the meat with the people. Then people tell **stories**, sing songs and Yunkurra's uncle plays the didgeridoo. Now, the Martu people do not use boomerangs and they live in modern **houses** but their **lives** are very different from the lives of white Australians.

Warm Up

1 Find these things (1-3) in pictures (a-e).

- 1 A **didgeridoo** is a traditional musical instrument of the Australian Aborigines.
- 2 A **boomerang** is a traditional Aboriginal weapon to hunt wild animals.
- 3 This is a traditional Aboriginal **painting** of a lizard.

Reading

1 GMA SKILLS BUILDER 7

2 Read the article and choose one of the titles.

- a Small village life in Australia
- b A traditional lifestyle
- c Australian animals
- d Hunting and collecting food

2 GMA SKILLS BUILDER 8

3 Read the text again. Are these sentences true (T), false (F) or is it not stated (N/S)?

- 1 The Martu people are Australian. **T**
- 2 The Martu haven't got modern technology.
- 3 They live in a small area.
- 4 The Martu villages have got schools and shops.
- 5 The village of Parnngurr has got a clinic.
- 6 Men hunt wild animals.

4 Read the text again. Find four traditional things and four 'modern' things about the Martu's lifestyle.

They make fires and cook meat on them. They have a clinic in the village.

5 Look at the Sentence Builder. How do you say **like** in the sentence in your language? Find one more example of **like** in **red** in the text.

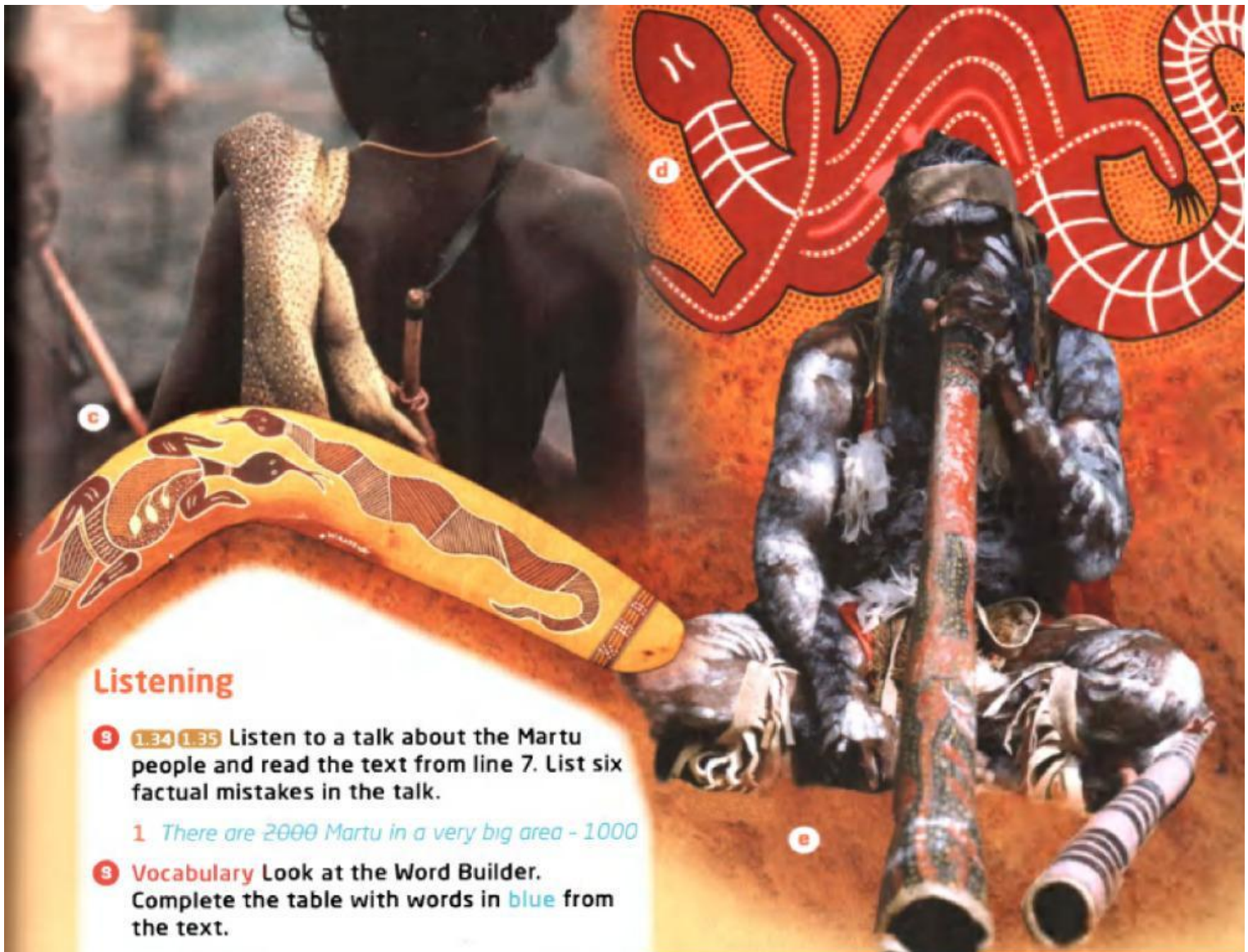
Sentence Builder **like** for examples

- 1 The men usually hunt animals, **like** kangaroos.
- 2 They live in small villages, **like** Jigalong.

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5 Join the sentences with **like**.

- 1 The Martu people play musical instruments. They play the didgeridoo.
The Martu people play musical instruments, like the didgeridoo.
- 2 At school they play sports. They play football.
- 3 The men hunt animals. They hunt wild camels.
- 4 They use modern technology. They use MP3 players and mobile phones.
- 5 Martu artists paint pictures of animals. They paint lizards, kangaroos and birds.



Listening

- 8 **1.34 1.35** Listen to a talk about the Martu people and read the text from line 7. List six factual mistakes in the talk.

1 *There are 2000 Martu in a very big area - 1000*

- 8 **Vocabulary** Look at the Word Builder. Complete the table with words in **blue** from the text.

Word Builder Plurals

Regular

- + s house *houses* village ¹*villages*
bird ² _____
+ es bus *buses* church *churches*
+ ies party *parties* family *families*
story ³ _____

Irregular

- life *lives* man ⁴ _____ woman ⁵ _____
child ⁶ _____ person ⁷ _____

- 9 **1.36 Pronunciation** Listen and repeat the plurals.

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- 12 **Complete the sentences with singular or plural nouns.**

- Wild kangaroos live in the desert. (kangaroo)
- There is a _____ in Parnngurr. (school)
- My _____ is very exciting. (life)
- That _____ hunts wild camels. (man)
- The _____ collect fruit. (woman)
- In the evening, they tell _____. (story)

- 16 **like for examples** Use the words in brackets to rewrite the sentences.

- They hunt animals. (kangaroos and lizards)
They hunt animals, like kangaroos and lizards.
- I play sports. (basketball and golf)
- In my bag I've got things. (my mobile phone and my MP3 player)
- We study interesting subjects. (English and history)
- Australia has got interesting cities. (Sydney and Melbourne)
- They are from different countries. (Spain and Italy)

- 17 **Plurals** Complete the sentences with plurals.

- My teacher has got two children. (child)
- On Wednesday, we have got six _____. (class)
- On Saturday, I often go to _____. (party)
- At home, we've got a lot of _____. (book)
- That toilet is for _____. (woman)
- I often chat with _____ online. (person)