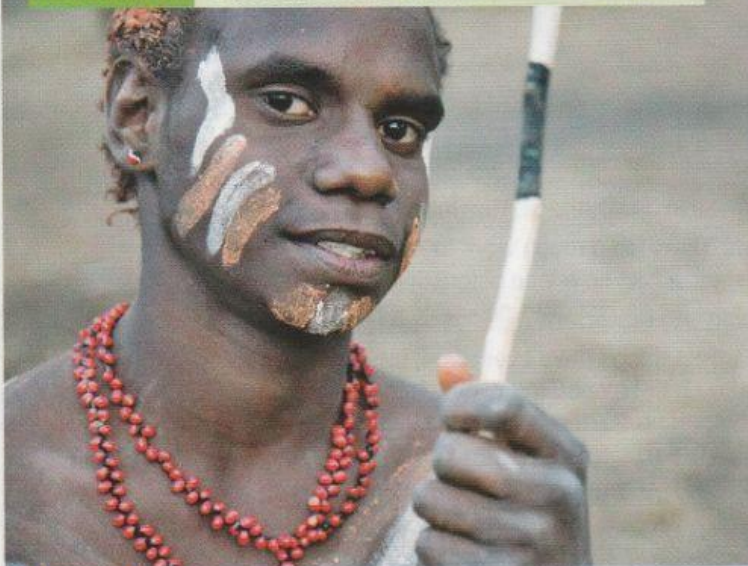


## Team A Six months alone in the bush



For our special issue on Australia, our journalist Hugh Freeman met a fourteen-year-old boy, Nullah, who has just come back from the Bush.

**Hugh:** Hello, Nullah. You have just been walkabout. Can you explain to us what walkabout represents to your people?

**Nullah:** We Aborigines<sup>1</sup> are the oldest population in Australia. We have many rites and traditions and a very strong connection to nature. A walkabout is a spiritual initiation boys do. It is a very important time for us because then we become adults.



**Hugh:** How long have you been away?

**Nullah:** I have just spent six months alone in the Bush.

**Hugh:** Six months? Alone? Was it dangerous?

**Nullah:** Yeah, a little! I have had a few scary moments with animals but much fun too! I have learnt to survive in the wilderness without any help. I have hunted for food and managed to build shelters.

**Hugh:** What have you gained from this exceptional experience?

**Nullah:** It has been the most striking experience I have ever had. I have traced the path my ancestors took; I have sung their songs; I have felt one with nature.

1. /'æbə'ridʒənɪz/: Aborigènes

## SIX MONTHS ALONE IN THE BUSH

### 1) Relie les mots suivants à leur traduction

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|------------------------|--------------|
| seul ●                 | ● hunt       |
| sans ●                 | ● shelter    |
| chasser ●              | ● alone      |
| réussir à ●            | ● wilderness |
| étendue sauvage ●      | ● without    |
| abri ●                 | ● path       |
| frappant, saisissant ● | ● manage to  |
| chemin ●               | ● striking   |

## 2) Complète les phrases suivantes :

Le peuple Aborigène est le ..... ancien d'..... Ils ont beaucoup de ..... et de ..... et une ..... à la ..... très forte.

Le « walkabout » est une ..... spirituelle pour les ..... qui leur permet de devenir .....

Nullah a passé ..... mois ..... dans le Bush (= c'est le ..... australien).



## 3) Dans le texte, relève deux adjectifs et un nom qui définissent l'expérience de Nullah et note-les (dans l'ordre du texte).

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## 4) True or false ?

| Vrai                     | Faux                     | Affirmations                              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                          |                          | Il a appris à                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | se défendre contre les animaux sauvages.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | survivre seul.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | chasser.                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | se repérer grâce aux étoiles.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | construire des abris.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | construire des armes pour chasser.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Il a communiqué avec ses ancêtres.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Il a chanté les chansons de ses ancêtres. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Il n'a fait qu'un avec la nature.         |