

# The Stolen Generations — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- For much of the 1900s, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were taken from their families by governments.
- These children are known as the Stolen Generations.
- Families were often given no choice, and many children never saw their parents again.
- In 2008, the Australian government made a formal National Apology.

## Key vocabulary

- Stolen Generations — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children removed from their families.
- Apology — saying sorry for a wrong.
- Reconciliation — rebuilding trust and putting things right.
- Injustice — unfair treatment.

## Why does it matter?

Being taken from family caused deep and lasting hurt for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Learning this history honestly is part of reconciliation — understanding the past so the country can move forward fairly.

## Teaching with care

This is a painful topic. We approach it gently and with respect, listening especially to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices.