

# Aboriginal Languages — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- Before 1788 there were over 250 distinct Aboriginal languages in Australia.
- Many were lost as a result of colonisation.
- Some words have entered everyday English, like 'kangaroo' and 'boomerang'.
- Communities and schools are working to revive and teach these languages.

## Key vocabulary

- Language — a way a people communicates.
- Revival — bringing something back to life.
- Indigenous — belonging to the first peoples.
- Heritage — what is passed down through generations.

## A rich heritage

Australia once had hundreds of Aboriginal languages, each tied to Country and culture. Protecting and reviving them keeps that knowledge and identity alive.

## Words you know

Some English words used worldwide, such as kangaroo, koala and boomerang, come from Aboriginal languages.