

Celebrating Difference

As you participate in building grammar skills, it won't be long before you realize that there are differences in the way we construct sentences to express our knowledge, ideas and feelings. That's because we first learn basic grammar before we come to school. When we come to school, we build on that knowledge as we learn to communicate with our peers. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the differences as we create a shared means of communication. The key is to know the 'context' for our communication. Just like a story we consider: Who are the characters? What is being communicated, how and why?

Here's a series of flashcards that my students and I use to learn a few words from the language of the Yugambeh People, Traditional Custodians of the land surrounding our local area. I gratefully acknowledge them for this opportunity to share knowledge with our jarjums (students). For further information on this language, visit the Yugambeh Museum, Language and Heritage Research Centre at: <https://www.yugambeh.com/>.

For further resources visit:

http://aboriginalenglishinearlychildhood.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/1/5/14156233/aboriginal_english_st_age_4.pdf

<p>afternoon common noun</p>	<p>yau-un common noun</p>
<p>admit verb</p>	<p>kailima verb</p>
<p>and conjunction</p>	<p>ya conjunction</p>

we

pronoun

ngulli

pronoun

us

pronoun

ngullingi

pronoun

I

pronoun

ngaio

pronoun

aunt

common noun

maren

common noun

**Aboriginal
People**

proper noun

Maibin

proper noun

brother
(older)

common noun

kagohn

common noun

brother
(younger)

common noun

banam

common noun

sister
(older)

common noun

nanang

common noun

sister
(younger)

common noun

yilgahn

common noun

father

common noun

biung

common noun

mother

common noun

waijung

common noun

calm

adjective

durungul

adjective

sad

(also means sorry)
adjective or verb

gijeri

Adjective or verb

happy

adjective

yalburu

adjective

love

common noun

gumera

common noun

bird

common noun

nyombil

common noun

lizard

common noun

ngaurm

common noun

eagle

common noun

Mibunn

common noun

cloud

common noun

jungun

common noun

skin

common noun

yulung

common noun

brain

common noun

bungbung

common noun

badly

adverb

thung

adverb

one

determiner or common noun

yabru

determiner or common noun

aside

adverb

kurrin

adverb

brave

adjective

duinjumm

adjective