

# Making Shields





**Reading Recovery level:** 16

**Word count:** 240

**Text type:** narrative

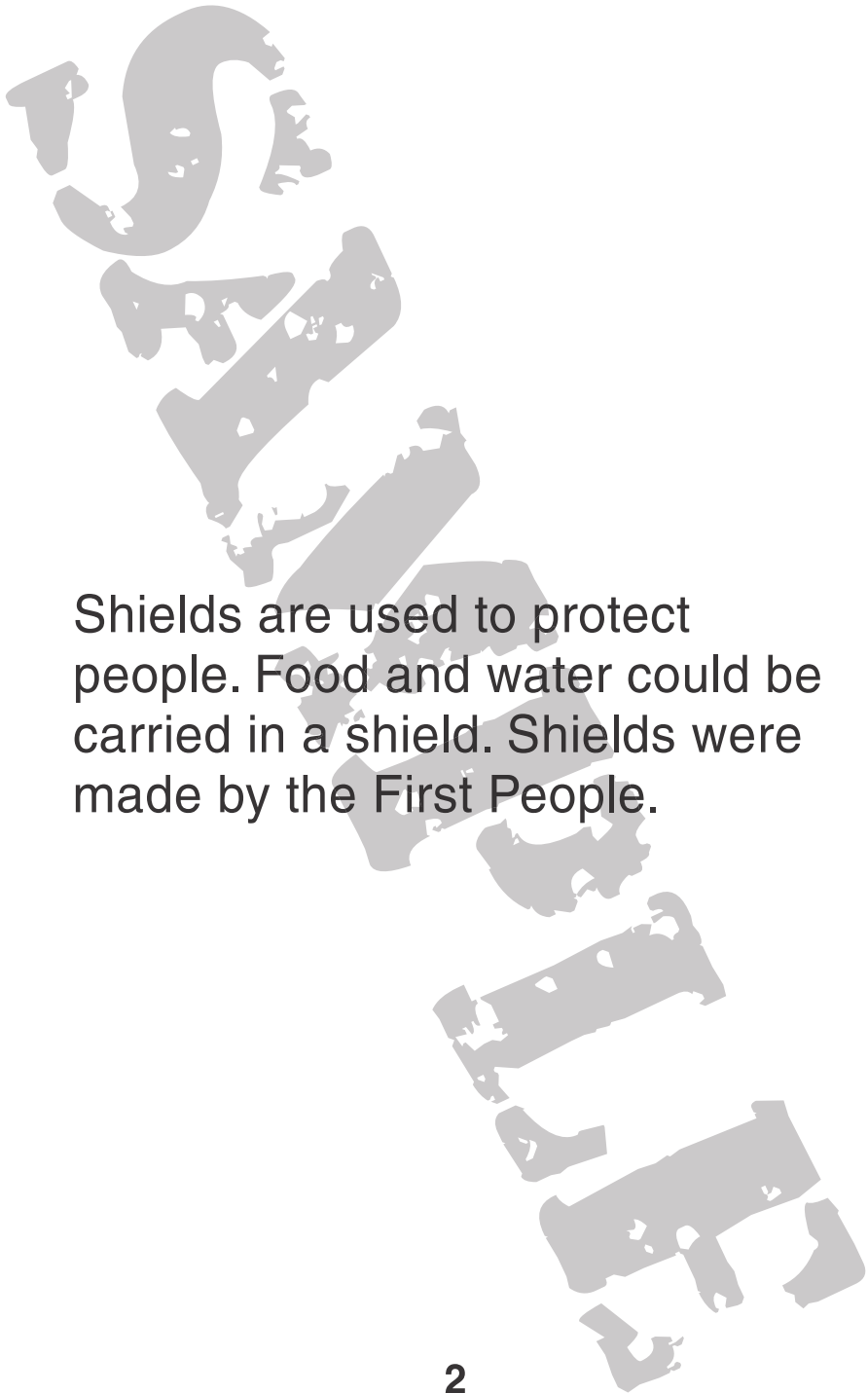
**Content:** non-fiction

**ACARA reference:** Cross-curriculum priority is given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Histories and Culture. This can be discussed as an integrated unit of work in relation to technologies and art forms. This is a discussion starter on the use of materials across different cultures and time periods. ACARA however, state clearly the Early Years' focus is literacy not knowledge or content.

**Teacher notes:** The First Peoples of Australia used shields for defence and also to carry food. It was an essential item along with the spears. The shield was painted with many symbols and signs related to their tribal marks. This could be a discussion starter as to patterns, symbols and markings as to their meaning. Art and craft classes could make their own shields.

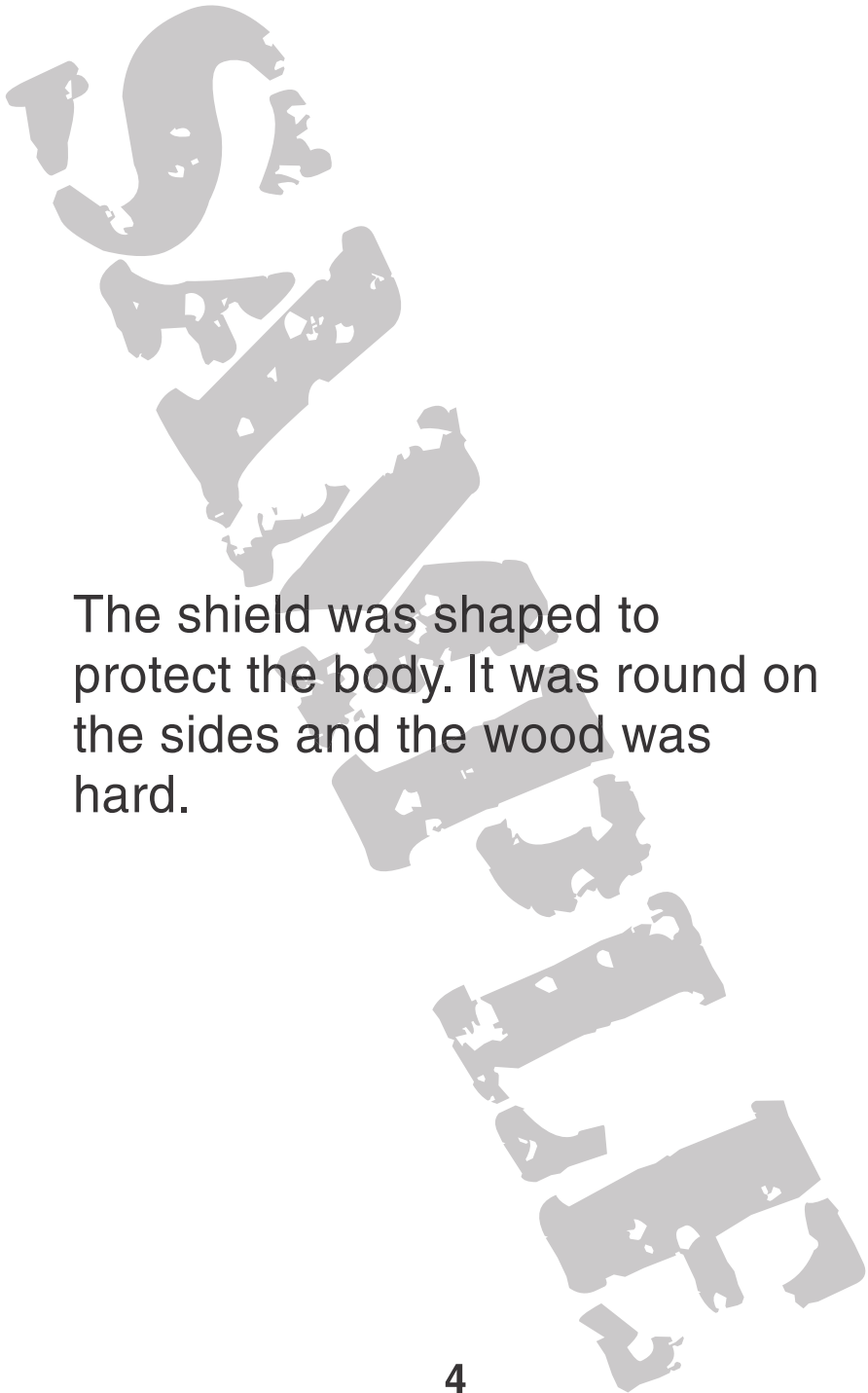
**Difficult words:** shields, protect, round, special, shape, piece, smooth, handle, owned, colours, paint.





Shields are used to protect people. Food and water could be carried in a shield. Shields were made by the First People.





The shield was shaped to protect the body. It was round on the sides and the wood was hard.



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