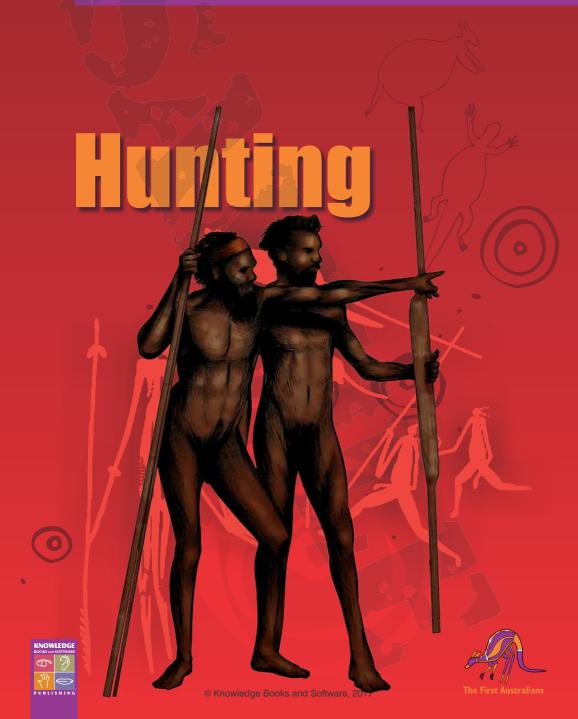
## History of the First Australians 14



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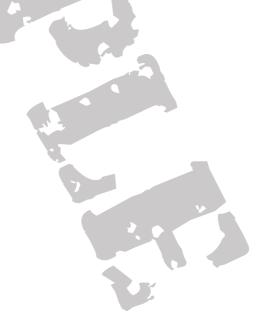
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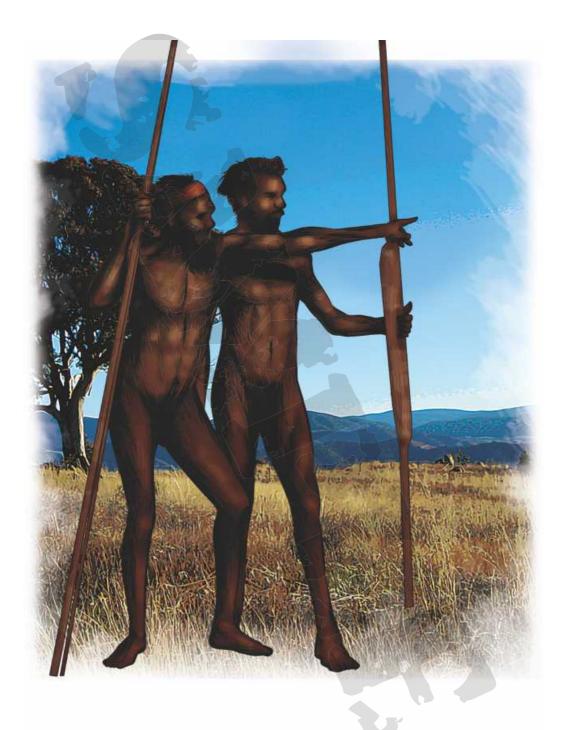
**Text type:** narrative **Content:** non-fiction

**ACARA reference:** Hunting for food required a lot of skills. These skills were athletic and knowledge of animals. 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 conservation of Australia's native animals. Sustainability of hunting animals by the First People meant that species did not disappear. ACARA however, state clearly the Early Years' focus is literacy not knowledge or content.

**Teacher notes:** The First Peoples of Australia required Australia's animals for their own survival. It was essential that they lived off these animals for food and fur. The hunting of these animals required a lot of skill sets. The animals had to be tracked, and stalked so that they did not see the hunter. The spears had to be thrown very accurately to hit the target.

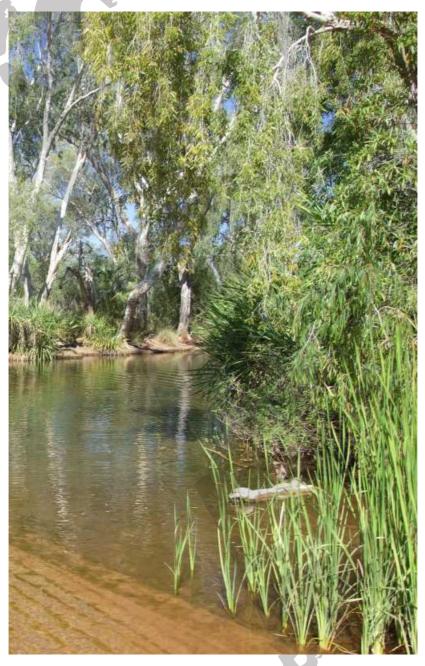
**Difficult words:** nests, beehive, animals, hunting, caught, hunter, canoes, speared, turtles, jumping, goanna, grubs, people, dugongs, grasslands. smoky, slowly, stones. twine, scrape, flakes.







Animals were food for the First People. They hunted animals on land and on the water.





Ducks were hunted for food. The ducks were caught by the feet. The hunter swam under the ducks.

