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Aduithood and Growing. Up



The First Australians

Reading Recovery level: 19

Word count: 210

Text type: narrative

Content: non-fiction

ACARA reference: Growing up in Aboriginal cultures is different to the current nuclear family. 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 comparing families and cultures. This is a discussion starter on the requirements for the way Australian families live today and comparing with the other cultures in time and space. ACARA however, state clearly the Early Years' focus is literacy not knowledge or content.

Teacher notes: The First Peoples of Australia lived in mobs or groups. These were extended family units of 10-20 people. They usually stayed within a designated area. These extended family units would meet with other tribal groups for ceremonies and celebrations. The discussion pointers are to the role of family and how it supports the person and group.

Difficult words: groups, aunties, uncles, cousins, mother, father, culture, beliefs, gathering, throwing, spears, stories, important, target, survive.



The First People lived together in groups. Aunties, uncles, and cousins all lived together.



Your aunty or uncle would look after you. You mother and father were still in the group.





