

# Let's Learn some Aboriginal Words!

English with Mrs Childs



# Objectives

By the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- Explain that there are many Aboriginal languages spoken in Australia
- Say two to three words or phrases in the most common Aboriginal language.



# Introduction

Here is a map. The different words show where different Aboriginal languages are spoken. What do you notice?



At the time of colonisation in 1788, Australia was home to over 500 Indigenous languages. Since that time, many languages have been lost forever.

# Arrernte — The most common language

- This pronounced : **"Aranda"**
- There are about 1,800 speakers of Arrernte
- It is taught in schools and universities, heard on media and used in local government.

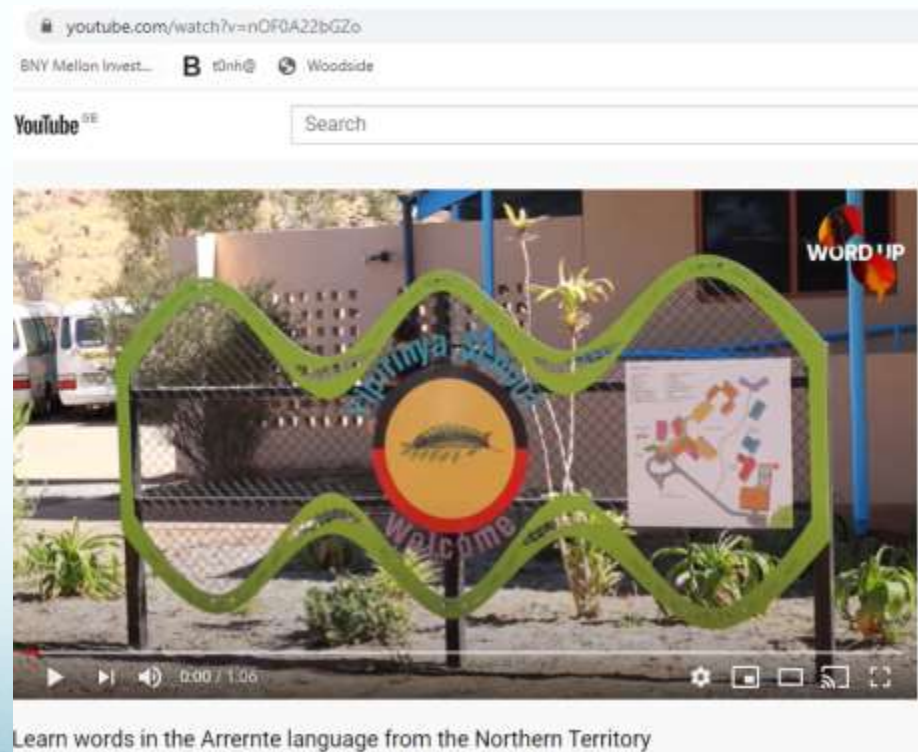
In the next video you will hear some Arrernte words.  
Listen carefully!



# Introduction - Arrernte

Watch Kumalie teaching Arrernte to some school children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOF0A22bGZo>



# Arrente Words

Kumalie used these words and phrases:

**werte** - you say this like 'watar' - it means 'hi.'



**kele** – you say this like 'kala' – it means 'ok' or 'fine'



**Unte mwerre?** - you say this like 'Unta mora?' – it means 'How are you?'



# Quiz – Can you remember?

What does **werte**  
mean?

It means  
'hi'



# Quiz – Can you remember?

What does **kele** mean?

It means  
'ok'



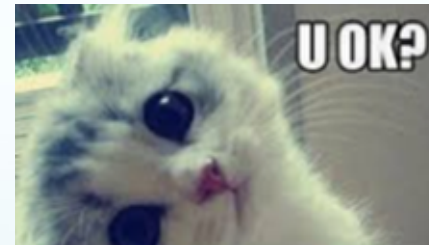


# Quiz – Can you remember?

What this mean?

**Unte mwerre?**

It means  
'How are you?'



# Conclusion

You should now be able to:

- Explain that there are lots of Aboriginal languages
- Remember at least two or three words or phrases from the Arrernte language.

I hope you had fun!

