

ACTIVITY 1

ABORIGINAL TOOL MAKING - OLD WAYS

For thousands of years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been using the sciences to make the most out of living in all parts of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.

An example of the practice application of scientific knowledge is shared with you in the form of a Tool Making demonstration from the Nyoongar people of the South-West of Western Australia.

Having the knowledge of where, what and how to collect the ingredients to use was just as vital as the finished product; and as your environment changed so too did your resources that you had at your disposal. Whilst this demonstration has a Nyoongar focus, try to find your own local comparisons or regional specialities that your own local people would have utilised.





Name the ingredients

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Why were these used?

What are some local variations that you know of from elsewhere in Australia?



Look under the microscope to see the difference between Aboriginal glue created under different temp conditions.



50C



60C



80C