

The Land Down Under (cont.)

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119 Drawing Conclusions

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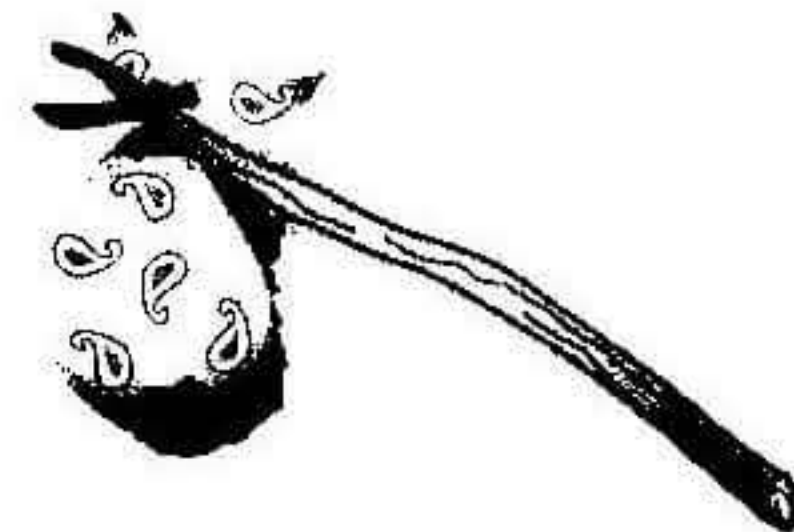
The following verses are from the Australian song, "Waltzing Matilda," which contains some Australian slang and some aboriginal words. The slang words use English, but are not common expressions in America. Read the song and look at the list of words at the bottom of the page. Write "SL" if you think it is a slang word. Write "AB" if you think it is an aboriginal word. Then, put the letter of the definition next to its corresponding Australian word.

Waltzing Matilda

Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong
Under the shade of a coolibah tree
And he sang as he watched and waited 'til his
billy boiled
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!

Down came a jumbuck to drink at the water hole
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee
And he sang as he stowed the jumbuck in his tucker
bag
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!

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| _____ 1. swagman _____ | a. sheep |
| _____ 2. coolibah tree _____ | b. water hole |
| _____ 3. billabong _____ | c. food sack |
| _____ 4. billy _____ | d. happiness |
| _____ 5. jumbuck _____ | e. tramp |
| _____ 6. tucker bag _____ | f. kettle |
| _____ 7. glee _____ | g. eucalyptus tree |



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120 Fact and Opinion

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A fact can be proved. An opinion is what you believe or think. Read the sentences below. Put "F" by the facts and "O" by the opinions.

- _____ 1. The people who lived in Australia when it was discovered by white explorers are called aborigines.
- _____ 2. Aborigines were hunters and gatherers, not farmers.
- _____ 3. I don't think I could survive in the Australian desert.
- _____ 4. The aborigines ate whatever they caught or found.
- _____ 5. Emu steaks and roast witchey grubs are two aboriginal foods that are now being served in some Australian restaurants.
- _____ 6. Kangaroo-tail soup sounds like a strange dish to me.
- _____ 7. An aboriginal child would probably think our food is weird, too.

