



UNIT 1: MY MOB

Inquiry 2. Why is language important to culture?

Activity Sheets:

- MM2.1 - Language
- MM2.2 - Language Enquiry
- MM2.3 - Reflection Sheet: Language and Culture

1. View

Watch the *Wadu Matyidi* animation and Mini Doc: *Who We Are - Inhaadi Utyu Ngarlpurla*.

2. Explore Language

How did the three main characters in the animation *Wadu Matyidi* communicate with one another? How important do you think it is for different cultures to speak their own language? Discuss your ideas with the class. Use these ideas to complete your [Language](#) activity sheet. You might like to use an online dictionary or an online encyclopedia, such as Wikipedia, to help develop your answers.

3. Explore Language and Culture

With your group, read through the Background Information Sheet [Language and Culture](#) and select one of the following topics:

- i. How can language give us a sense of belonging?
- ii. How might language create culture?
- iii. How can different languages be preserved over time?

Discuss the topic with your group and use the [Language Enquiry](#) sheet to record any important points from your discussion so that you can report them back to the class.

Once you've heard from each of the groups, think about the Adnyamathanha Language class students in the Mini Doc: *Who We Are - Inhaadi Utyu Ngarlpurla* and their language project *Wadu Matyidi*. How do you think the language class has given these students a sense of belonging? Do you think the project helped to preserve the Adnyamathanha culture? Share your ideas with your class.

4. Reflect

Answer the questions in your [Reflection Sheet: Language and Culture](#) to show what you have learnt about language and culture.