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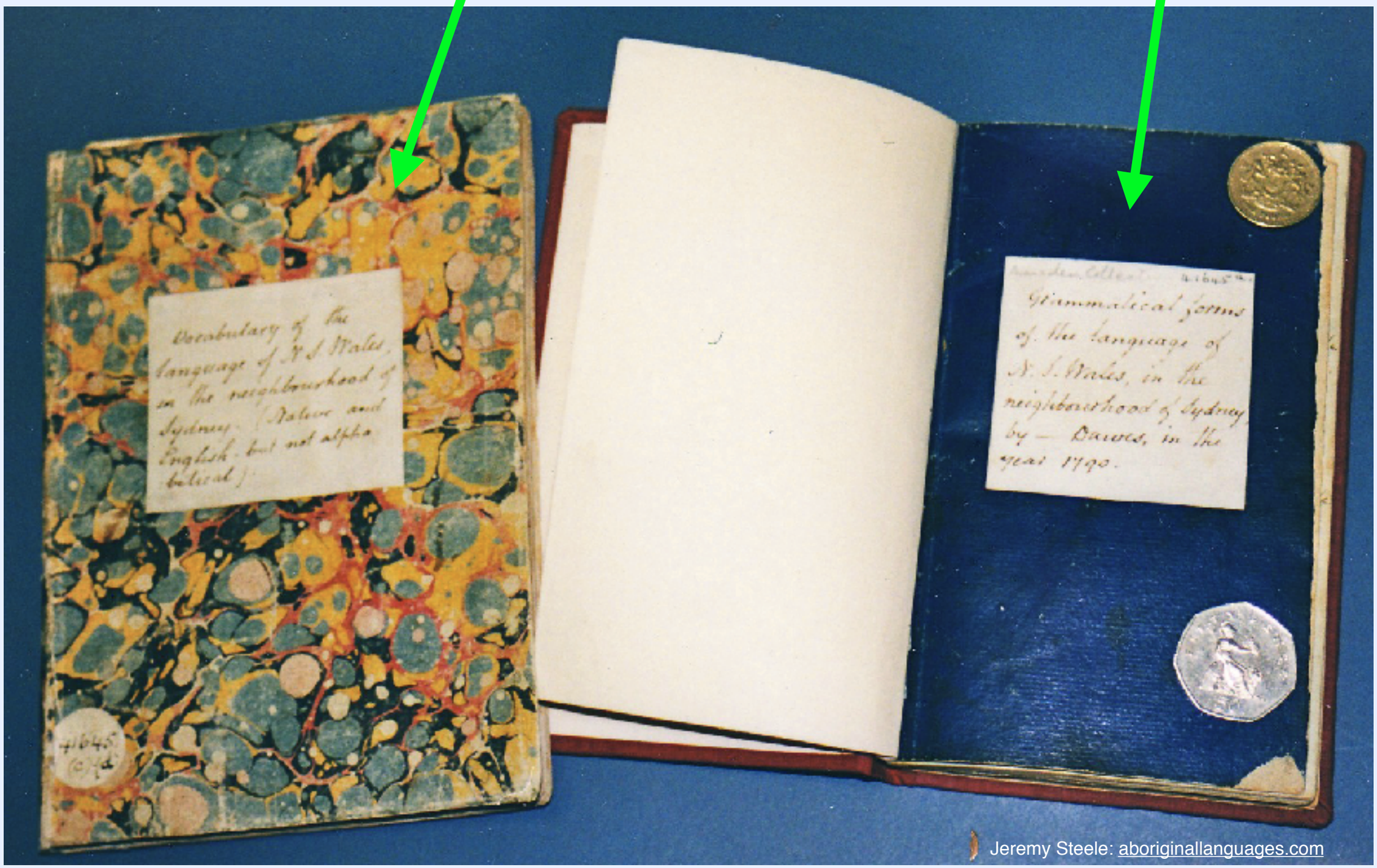
‘a’ & ‘b’



Welcome to country

guwi **ng**ura-gu

Diyi **ng**ura WanGal-**ng**ayi

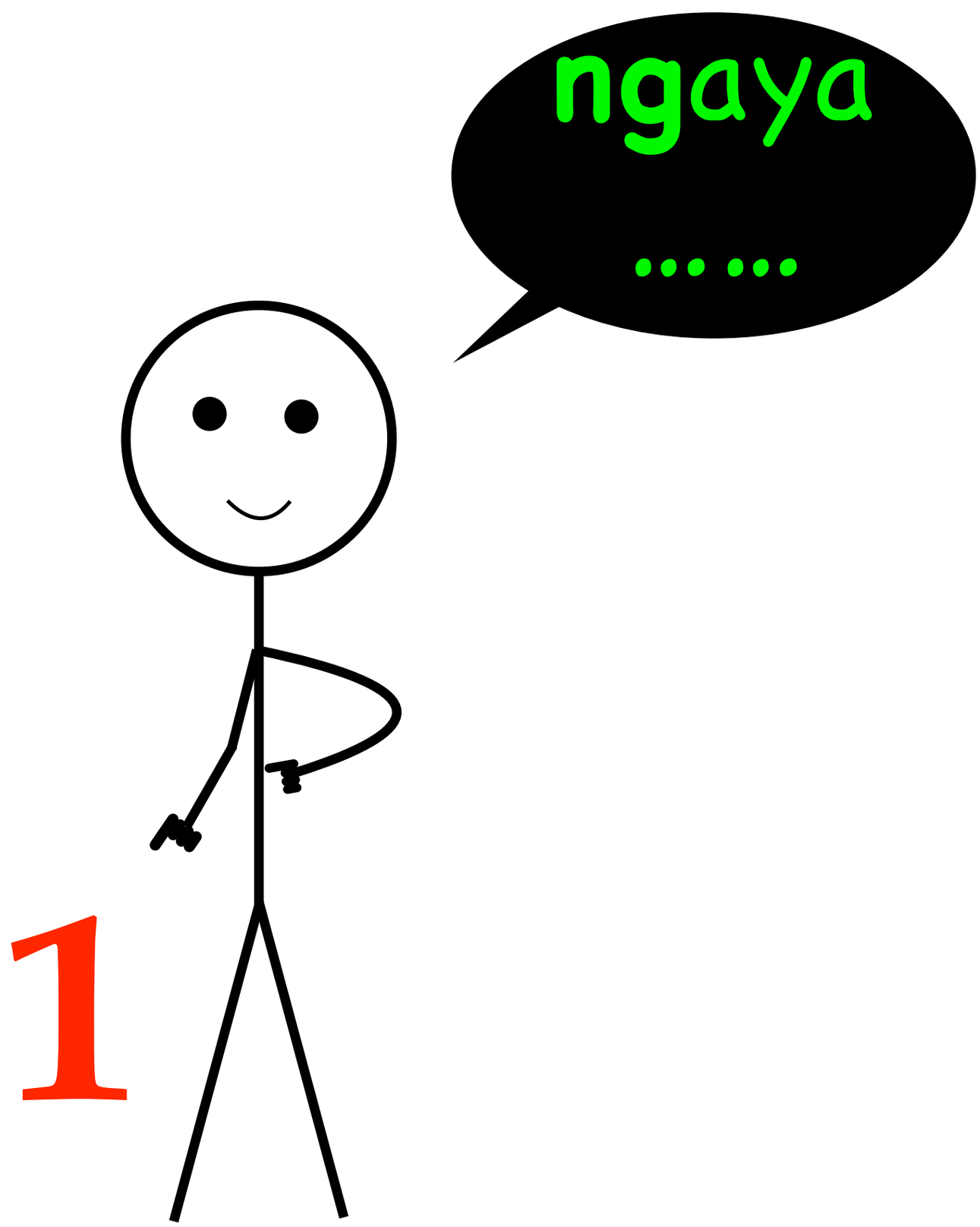
This is the place of the people of Wann

Baya-ba-wi **ng**yini **ng**yini mayal yagu

They say you and you are a stranger today

Mayal biyal mulnawul

But not stranger tomorrow



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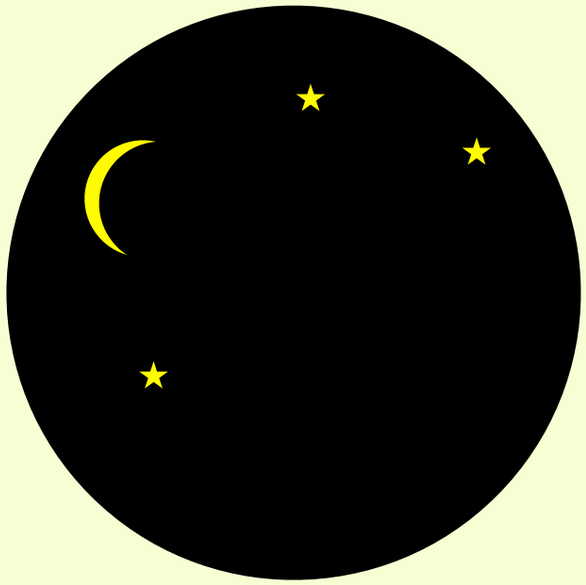

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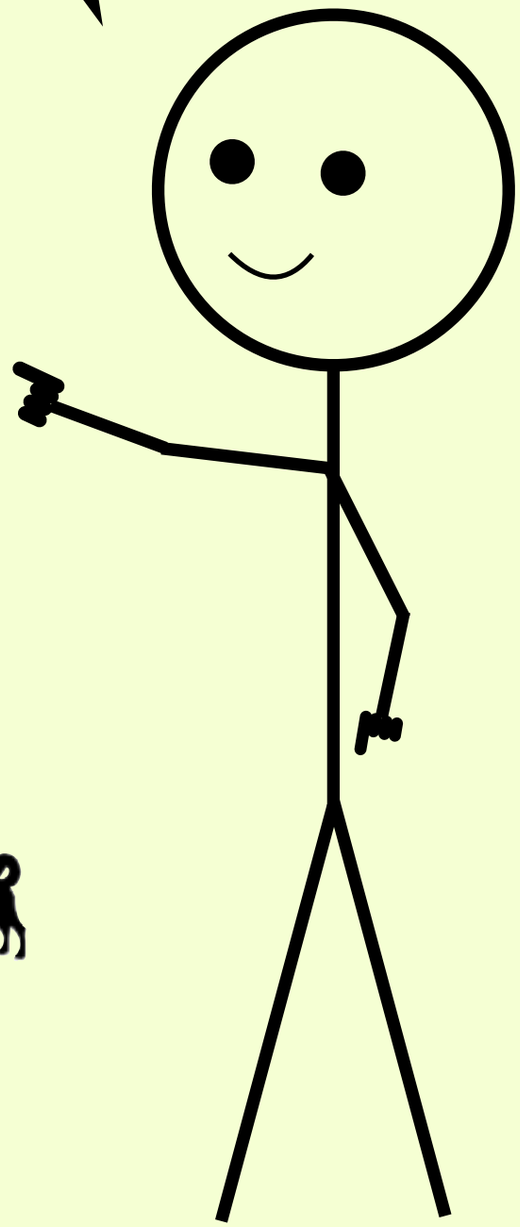
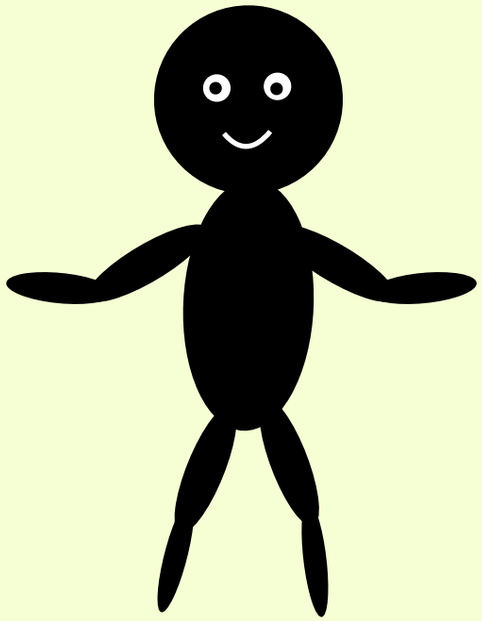
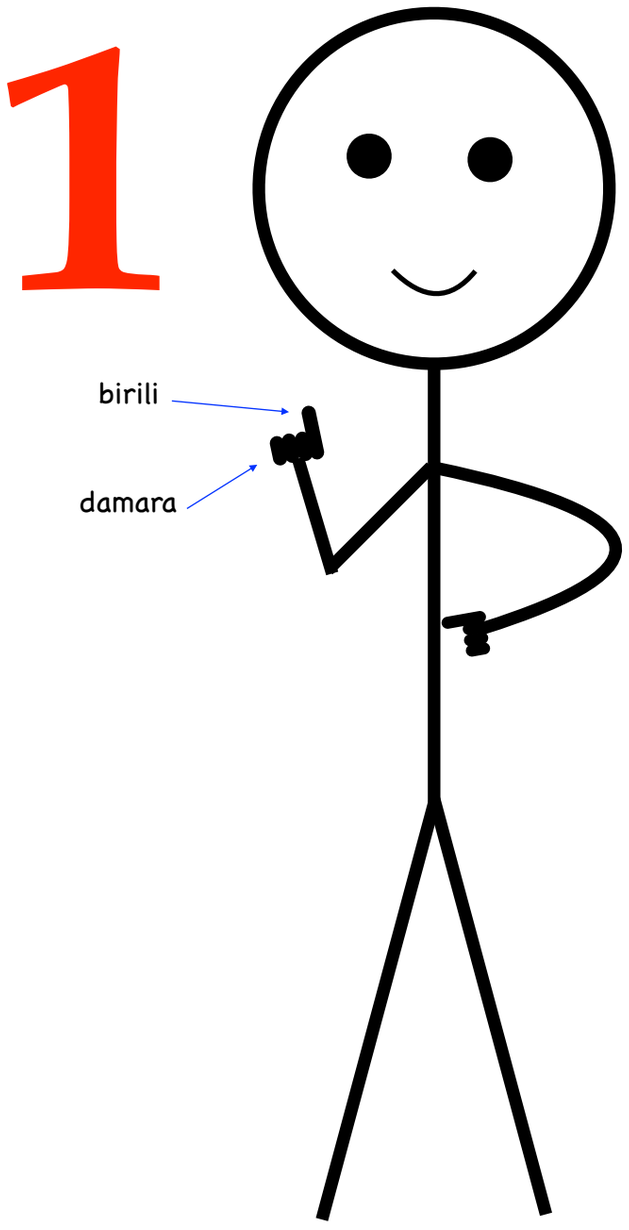




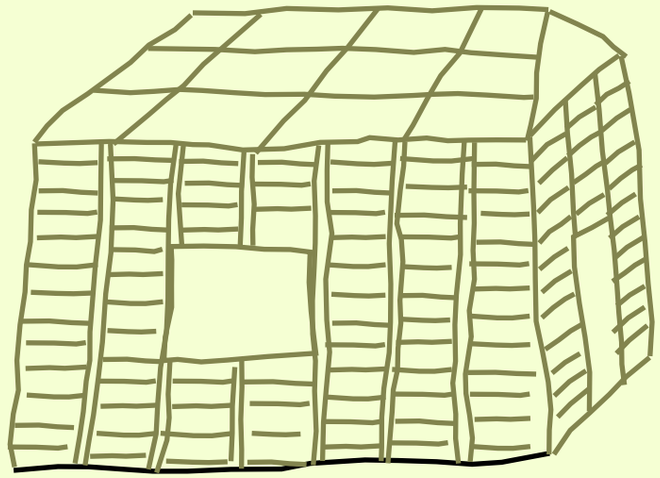
ngaya
wagul

1



one

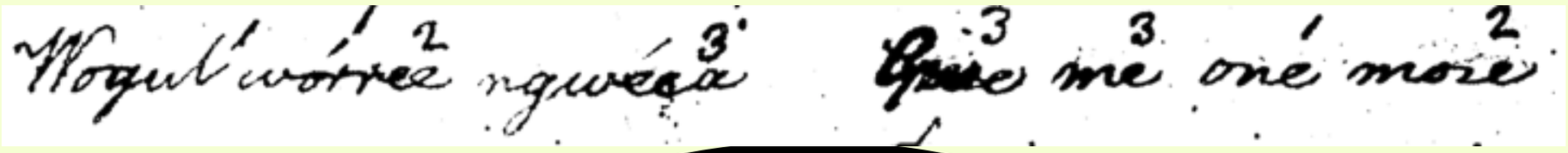
wagul wari ngwiya



yigal

gandu

one-another [?] give



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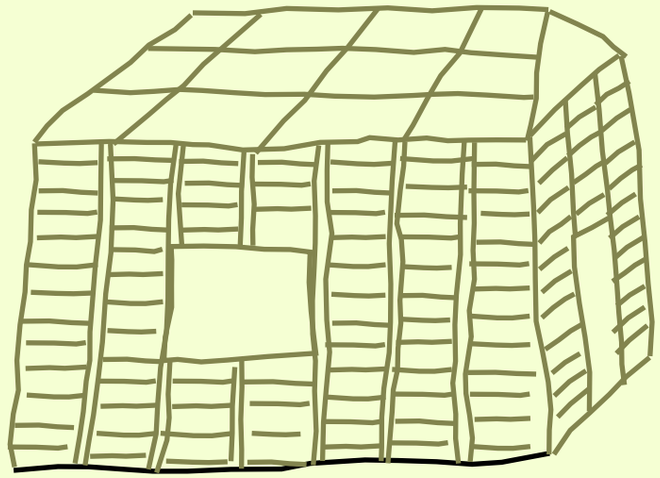

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one

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“Wogle “	wagal	“One”	one	Paine, Daniel MS [:2:20] [BB]
“Wogal”	wagal	“Onc”	one	Brown, Rbt: Georges R [: 259.2:37.1] [DG]
“wogle”	wagal	“one”	one	Fulton AONSW [:289:4] [Syd]
“Wogul”	wagul	“One”	one	Lang: NSW Vocab [:8:207] [DG]
“wogul”	wagul	“one ...”	one	Mahroot [:80:31.2] [Syd]
“wāgūl”	wagul	“one”	one	KAOL Rowley GeoR [: 106:29] [DG]
“wagulwai”	wagul-wayi	“one”	one	Mathews DG 1901 [: 157:16.1] [DG]
“Wogul”	wagul	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four “One” Wogul or Ya-ole.”	one	King MS [:409:4.1] [BB]
“Wógul”	wagul	“He (third person sing.r)”	one he	Dawes (b) [b:22:2.1] [BB]
“Wo-gul”	wagul	“One”	one	Anon (c) [c:2:1] [BB]
“wogool”	wagul	“one”	one	Smith, Isaac [:34.1:1] [BB]
“woogool”	wugul	“one”	one	Monkhouse [:34.1:20] [BB]
“Ya-ole”	yawul	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four “One” Wogul or Ya-ole.”	one	King MS [:409:4.2] [BB]
“ya-ole”	yawul	“numeral “one [Tom Ugly’s Point (Tom Wogully’s Point)]”	one	SofM 19111201 [166 Huntington-Woolloomooloo] [:169.2:44.2] [Syd]

1

ngaya ngyini

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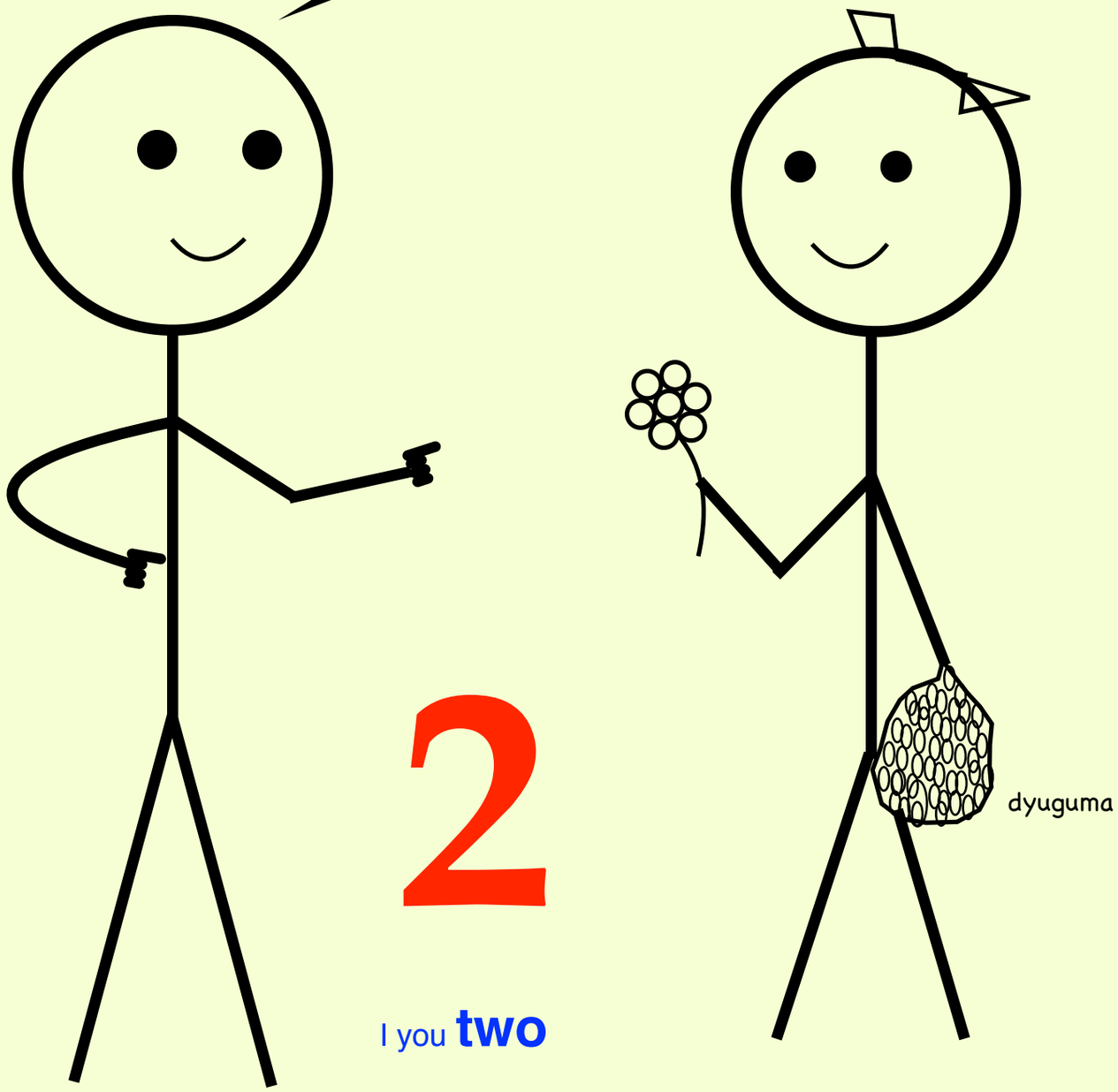


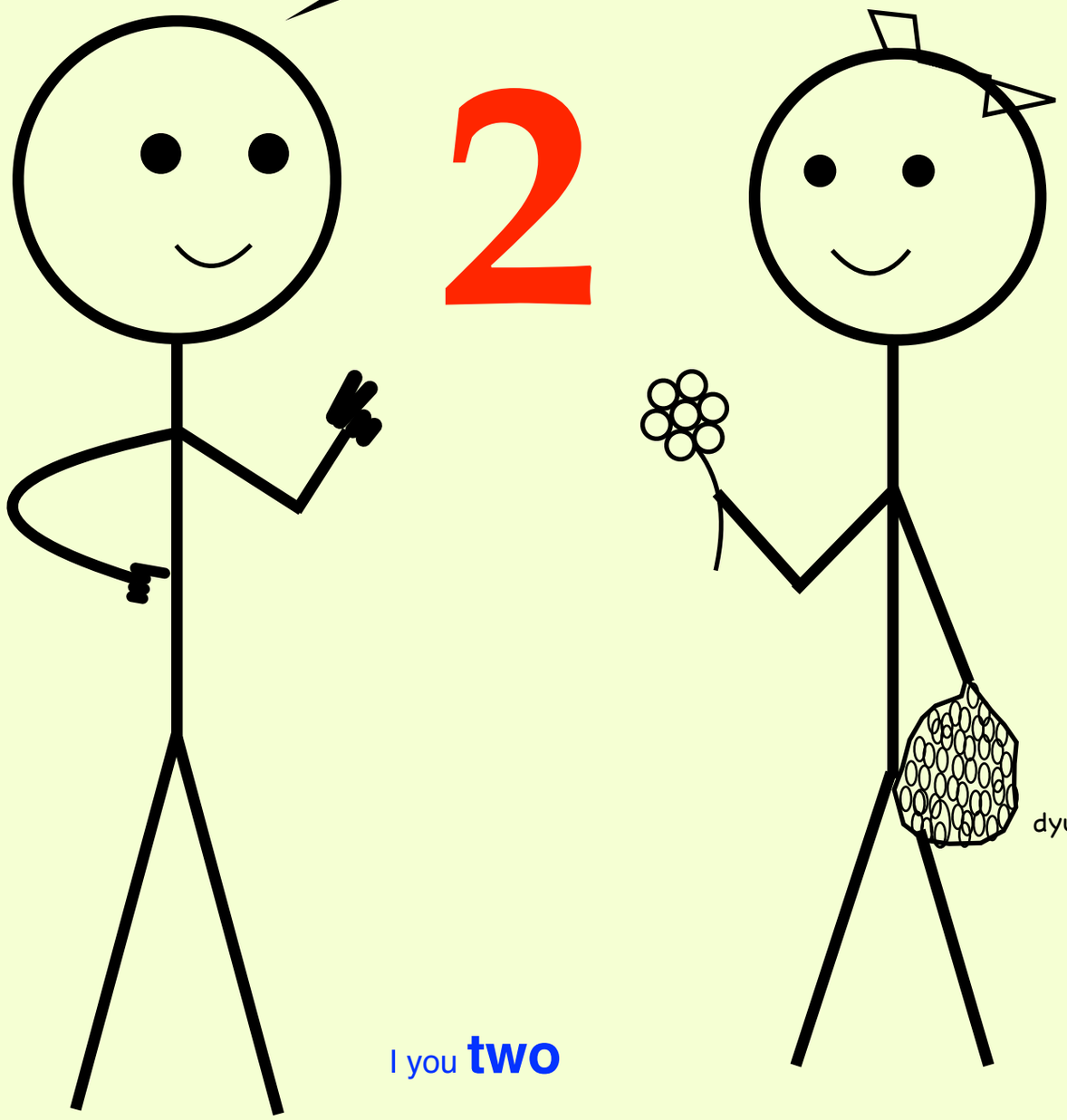
dyuguma

warigal

2

I you **two**

ngaya ngyini
bula



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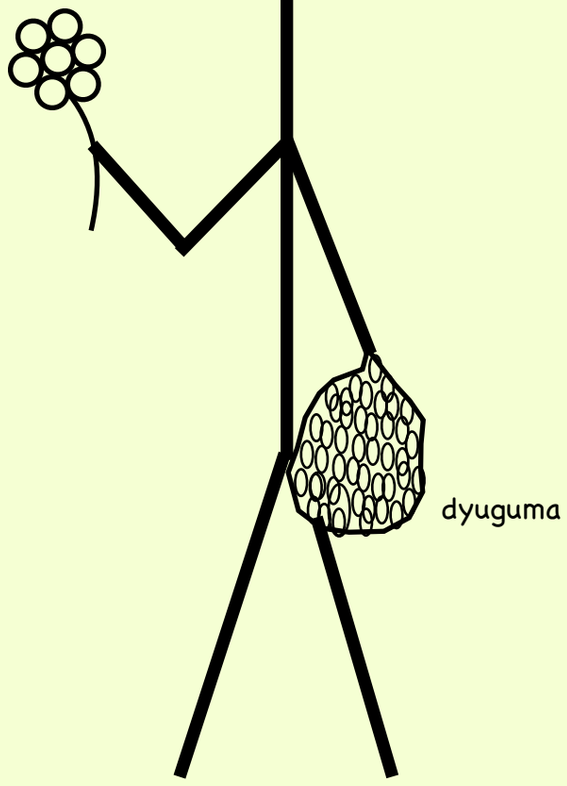
I you **two**



dyuguma

warigal

bula

two

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“bulla”	bula	“two (the universal Australian root)”	two	AL&T Rowley GeoR [:260:37] [DG]
“Bulla”	bula	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four ..... Two “Bulla, & Ya-blowre””	two	King MS [:409:5.1] [BB]
“Bulla”	bula	“Two”	two	Lang: NSW Vocab [:9:243] [DG]
“Bullah [?]”	bula	“two”	two	Fulton AONSW [:254:4] [Syd]
“Bool-la”	bula	“Two”	two	Anon (c) [c:2:2.2] [BB]
“Boo-la”	bula	“Two”	two	Collins 1 [:508.1:21.2] [BB]
“bóola”	bula	“Two”	two	Dawes (b) [b:3:8.2] [BB]
“boolar”	bula	“two (these are the original numerals)”	two	Mahroot [:80:32] [Syd]
“Bool-āīr”	bula	“2”	two	Mathews 8006/3/5 -5 [108–Dharug] [:118:3] [DG]
“poola”	bula	“two”	two	Monkhouse [:34.1:31] [BB]
“Bula”	bula	“Two or more”	two	Paine, Daniel [:42.2:12] [BB]
“Buládyiri”	bula-dyiri	“Two are enough. (from Bula two & didyirigúru enough)”	two having	Dawes (b) [b:4:17] [BB]
“[būlēr or blaveri]”	bula-ri	“(2)”	two another[?]	AL&T Rowley GeoR [:260:40.2] [DG]
“Blow´ree”	bula-wari	“Two”	two - another	Dawes (b) [b:3:8.1] [BB]
“Bulle”	buli	“Two”	two	Brown, Rbt: Georges R [:259.2:38] [DG]
“Ya-blowre”	yabula-wari	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four ..... Two “Bulla, & Ya-blowre””	two - another	King MS [:409:5.1] [BB]
“yoo-blowre”	yabula-wari	“Two”	two - another	Anon (c) [c:2:2.3] [BB]

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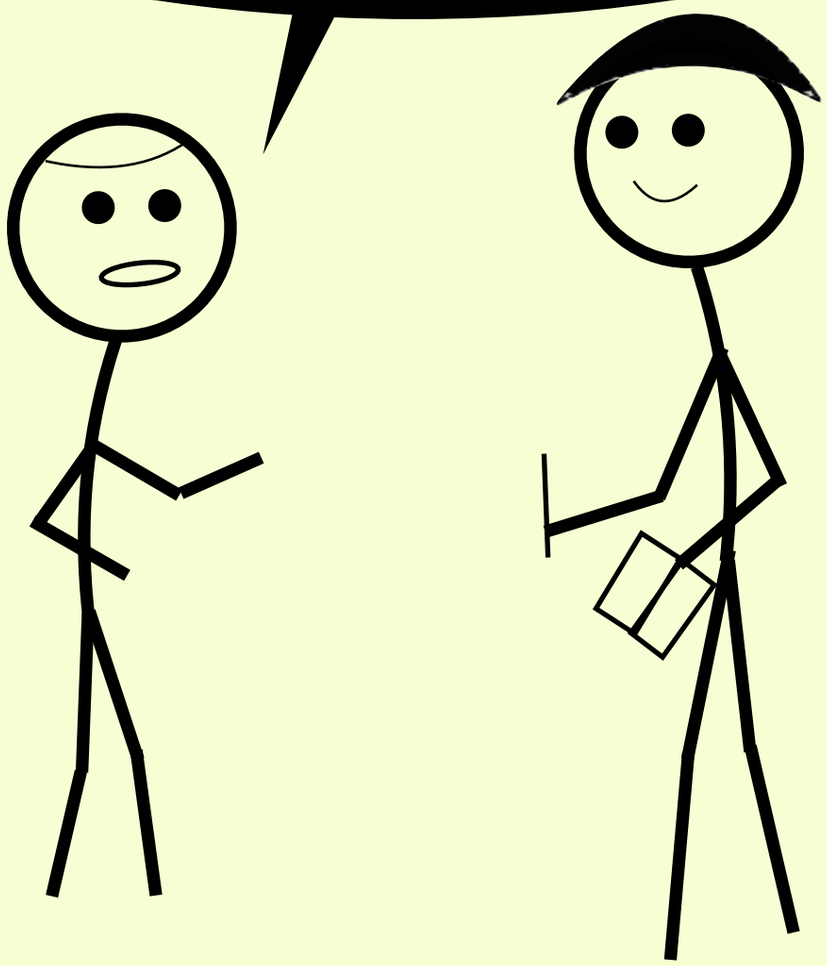
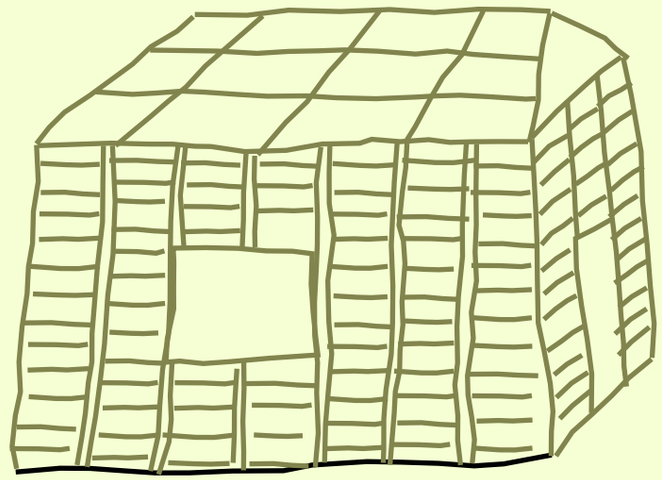
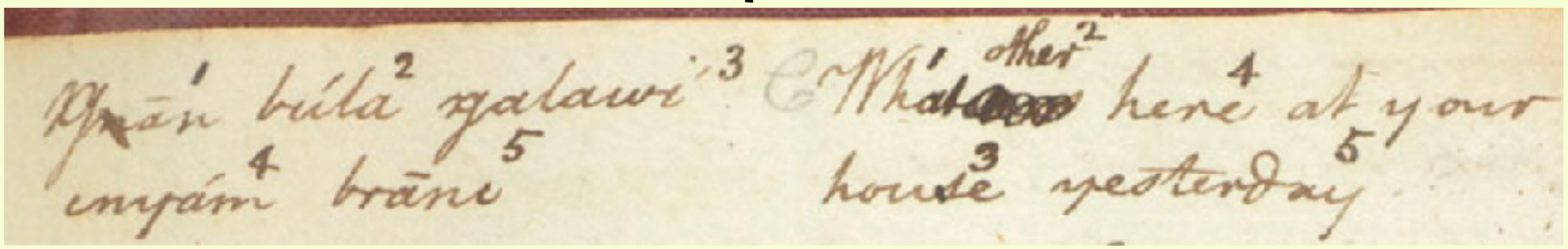
ngan bula
ngalawayi
nyam barani

who *two*
stay did
here yesterday ?





yigal



ngaya ngyini warigal

... ...

ngaya ngyini warigal buruwi

buruwi

three

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“Boorooi”	buruwi	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four ..... Three “Boorooi or Brewè””	three	King MS [: 409:5.2] [BB]
“Brewè”	buruwi	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four ..... Three “Boorooi or Brewè””	three	King MS [: 409:5.3] [BB]
“Brew-ie”	buruwi	“[three]”	three	Anon (c) [c: 2:3.2] [BB]
“Boorooi”	buruwi	“Three”	three	Anon (c) [c: 2:3.1] [BB]
“Brew-y”	buruwi	“Three”	three	Collins 1 [: 508.1:22] [BB]
“Bre`wey”	buruwi	“three”	three	Fulton AONSW [:254:3] [Syd]
“buriwai”	buriwayi	“three”	three	Mathews DG 1901 [: 157:16.3] [DG]

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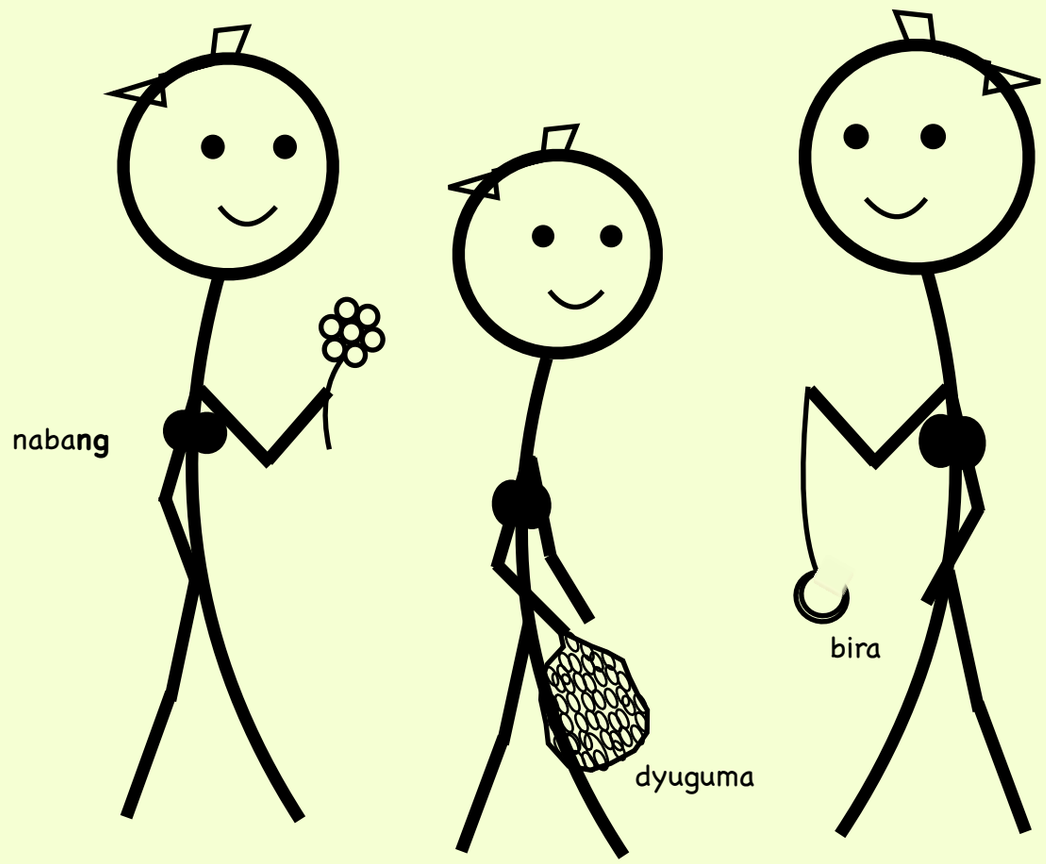
buruwi gara-dyu-wi **ngabang**



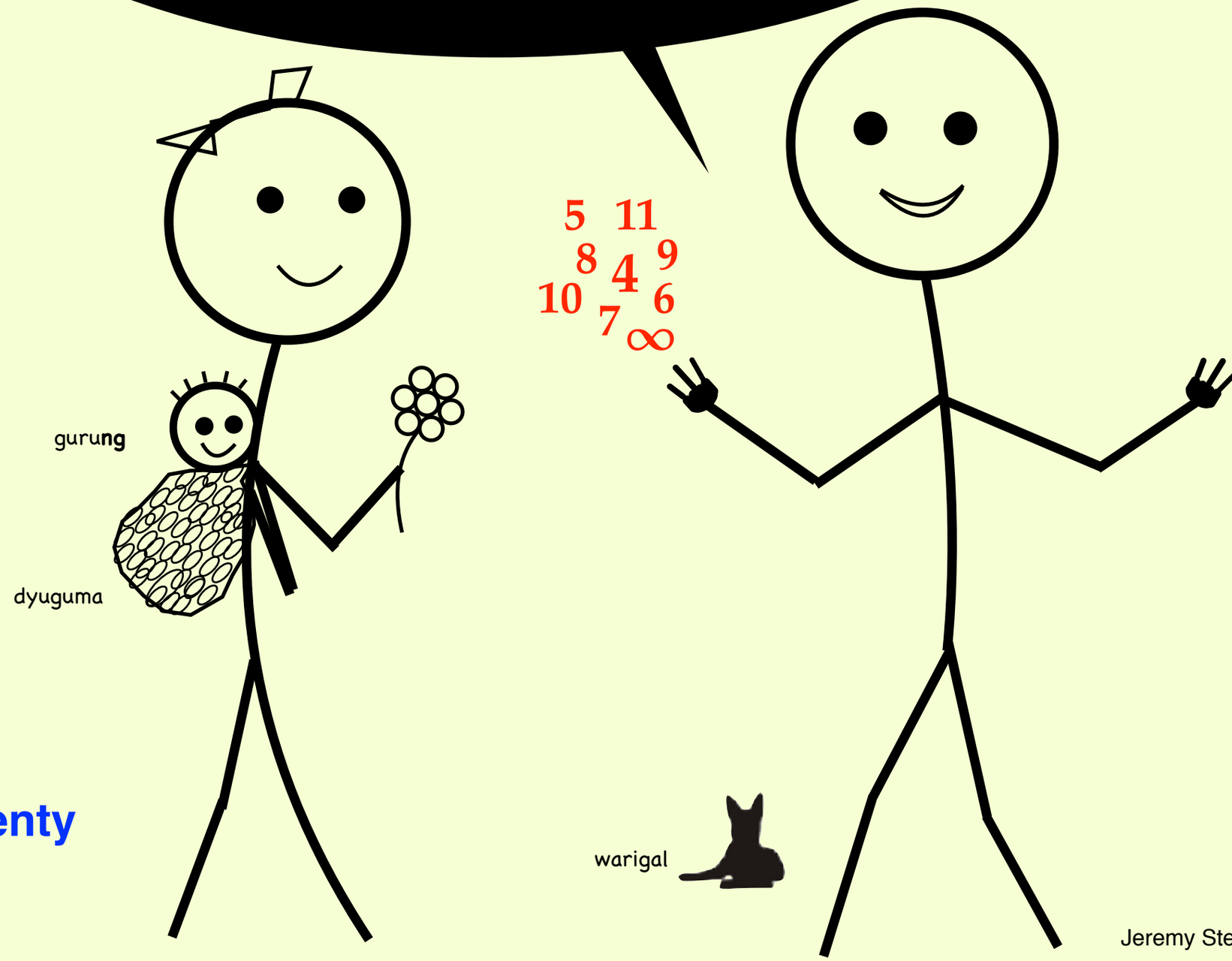
three grow-do-they-all breast

Brúwi karadyuwi ngábang (All) three have large breasts
that is. They are all three women grown. —

ngaya ngyini
warigal gurung
... ...

I you dog child **plenty**

ngaya ngyini
warigal gurung
mari-dyulu !



I you dog child **plenty**

bula bula

four

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“bullabulla”	bula bula	“four”	four [two-two]	AL&T Rowley GeoR [:260:43] [DG]
“blowry”	bulari	“four”	four two-another [?]	Fulton AONSW [: 254:9] [Syd]
“Blauree”	bulari	“Four”	four two-another [?]	Brown, Rbt: Georges R [: 259.2:40] [DG]
“blowre blowre”	bulari bulari	“four”	four [two-two]	Mahroot [:80:34] [Syd]
“blaoeriblaoeri”	bulari bulari	“(4)”	four [two-two]	AL&T Rowley GeoR [:260:42] [DG]
“Cal-una-long”	galunalang	“Four”	four	King in Hunter [: 413:23.3] [BB]
“Cal-una-long”	galunalang	“He [[Wolarewarrè]] cannot count beyond four ..... Four	four	King MS [:409:6] [BB]
“Wâgool-wurree”	wagul-wari	“4”	four	Mathews 8006/3/5 -5 [108–Dharug] [: 118:5] [DG]
“[Wogul[1] wórree[2] ngwéea[3]]”	wagul-wari	“[Give me[3] one[1] more[2]]”	one another	Dawes (b) [b: 22:10.12] [BB]
“Bulla-bullawrie”	bula bula-wari	“Four”	two two another	Lang: NSW Vocab [: 9:245] [DG]
“wagulwurri”	wagul-wari	“four (apparently a derivation from “one-three”)”	four [one-another?]	Mathews DG 1901 [:157:17.1] [DG]

bulari ~
bula-wari [?] =
‘two-another [?]

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-wari: another [?]

Several of the numbers have -wari attached

“Wogul[1] wórree[2] ngwéea[3]”	wagul wari ngwiya	“Give[3] me[3] one[1] more[2]”	one another give	Dawes (b) [b:22:10] [BB]
“blaoeri-wagul”	bulawari wagal	“three”	two another one	KAOL Rowley GeoR [:106:31] [DG]
“Blow´ree”	bula-wari	“Two”	two another	Dawes (b) [b:3:8.1] [BB]
“yoo-blowre”	yabula-wari	“Two”	two another	Anon (c) [c:2:2.3] [BB]
“Wâgool-wurree”	wagul-wari	“4”	four [one another [?]]	Mathews 8006/3/5 -5 [108–Dharug] [: 118:5] [DG]
“Bulla-bullawrie”	bula bula-wari	“Four”	two two another	Lang: NSW Vocab [: 9:245] [DG]

These examples suggest -wari might mean ‘another’

“Wo-gul-ōray”	wagul-warayi	“Another”	one another	Anon (c) [c: 31:14] [BB]
“wagulwurri”	wagul-wari	“four (apparently a derivation from “one-three”)”	four another	Mathews DG 1901 [:157:17.1] [DG]
“Wakoolwurra”	wagul-wara	“[other fellow throw to / another one / throw to /]”	one other	Mathews 8006/3/7- No 7 [7:31:29.1] [Dark]
“[Wogul[1] wórree[2] ngwéea[3]]”	wagul-wari	“[Give me[3] one[1] more[2]]”	one another	Dawes (b) [b: 22:10.12] [BB]

bula bula wagul **five**

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“bullabulla wāgul”	bula bula wagul	“five”	five	KAOL Rowley GeoR [:106:33] [DG]
“blowre, blowre wogul”	bulari bulari wagul	“five”	five	Mahroot [: 80:35] [Syd]
“blowry-wogle”	bulari wagal	“five”	five two-another one	Fulton AONSW [:254:10] [Syd]

bula bula wagul

five

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“bullabulla wāgul”	bula bula wagul	“five”	five	KAOL Rowley GeoR [:106:33] [DG]
“blowre, blowre wogul”	bulari bulari wagul	“five”	five	Mahroot [: 80:35] [Syd]
“blowry-wogle”	bulari wagal	“five”	five two-another one	Fulton AONSW [:254:10] [Syd]

four five six seven eight nine ten

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“blowre blowre”	bulari bulari	“four”	four [two two]	Mahroot [:80:34] [Syd]
“blowre, blowre wogul”	bulari bulari wagul	“five”	five [two two one]	Mahroot [:80:35] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre”	bulari bulari bulari	“six”	six [two two two]	Mahroot [:80:36] [Syd]
“blowre, blowre blowre wogul”	bulari bulari bulari wagul	“seven”	seven [two two two one]	Mahroot [:80:37] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre blowre”	bulari bulari bulari bulari	“eight”	eight [two two two two]	Mahroot [:80:38] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre blowre wogul”	bulari bulari bulari bulari wagul	“nine”	nine [two two two two one]	Mahroot [:80:39] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre blowre blowre”	bulari bulari bulari bulari bulari	“ten”	ten [two two two two two]	Mahroot [:80:40] [Syd]

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four five six seven eight nine ten

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“blowre blowre”	bulari bulari	“four”	four [two two]	Mahroot [:80:34] [Syd]
“blowre, blowre wogul”	bulari bulari wagul	“fivc”	five [two two one]	Mahroot [:80:35] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre”	bulari bulari bulari	“six”	six [two two two]	Mahroot [:80:36] [Syd]
“blowre, blowre blowre wogul”	bulari bulari bulari wagul	“seven”	seven [two two two one]	Mahroot [:80:37] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre blowre”	bulari bulari bulari bulari	“eight”	eight [two two two two]	Mahroot [:80:38] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre blowre wogul”	bulari bulari bulari bulari wagul	“nine”	nine [two two two two one]	Mahroot [:80:39] [Syd]
“blowre blowre blowre blowre blowre”	bulari bulari bulari bulari bulari	“ten”	ten [two two two two two]	Mahroot [:80:40] [Syd]

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ten

Australian	respelt	English	EngJSM	source
“Bulla berring-burra”	bula biring bara	“Ten”	two five	Lang: NSW Vocab [:9:247] [DG]

bara?

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bara / buri: fire [**five** ?], tree, chop

bara = fire [?]

"Boree"	buri	"Fire"	fire	McCarthy [:7:4] [Syd]
"Burrah burrah"	bara bara	"Great fire"	fire big	Lang: NSW Vocab [:6:168] [DG]
"Mááry burra burra"	mari bara bara	"Very great fire"	fire big	Lang: NSW Vocab [:6:169] [DG]

bara seems to mean '**fire**'

Lang

bara = plenty / five [?]

"Bérring-burra"	biring bara	"A great number"	plenty	Lang: NSW Vocab [:3:83] [DG]
"Berring burra maary"	biring bara mari	"A vast number."	plenty big	Lang: NSW Vocab [:3:84] [DG]
"Berring-burra"	biring bara	"**Five**"	plenty five	Lang: NSW Vocab [:9:246] [DG]
"Bulla berring-burra"	bala biring bara	"**Ten**"	two five	Lang: NSW Vocab [:9:247] [DG]

Is Lang wrong ? '**five**' or '**fire**' ? 'five' = 'plenty' ?

buri = tree

"boree"	buri	"hard heavy timber tree"	tree type	Mitchell, J.F.H. CY reel 681 [:85:1] [Wira]
"*Boree"	buri	"... a tree that grows in the interior."	tree type	SofM 18991221 [210 Thornton-Ptta] [:210.2:55] [Kml?]

buri means '**tree**'. '**trees**' are used for '**fires**'

buri = chop / cut

"[purri-ta punha mathan]"	buri-da	"[... 'chop it tree...]"	chop	Oates [:56:3.101] [Mrwi]

'**trees**' get '**chop**ped'

but **maDan** = '**tree**'

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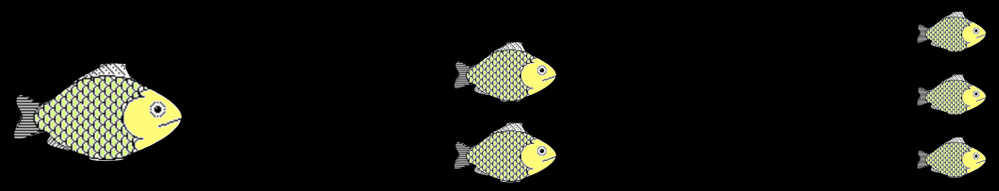
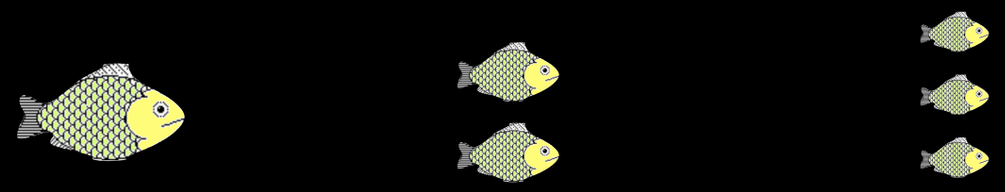


wagul bula buruwi

one two three

One, two, three, four, five,



wagul bula buruwi

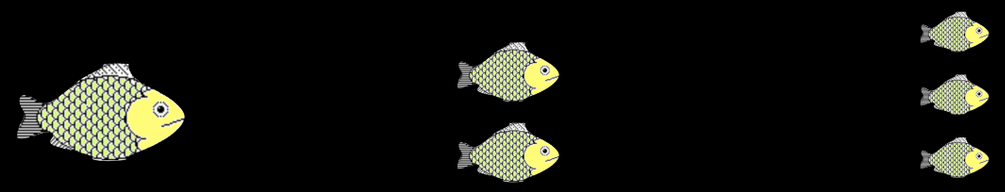
one two three

One, two, three, four, five,

man-ya-wu magara mudang

catch did I fish alive

Once I caught a fish alive



wagul bula buruwi

one two three

One, two, three, four, five,

man-ya-wu magara mudang

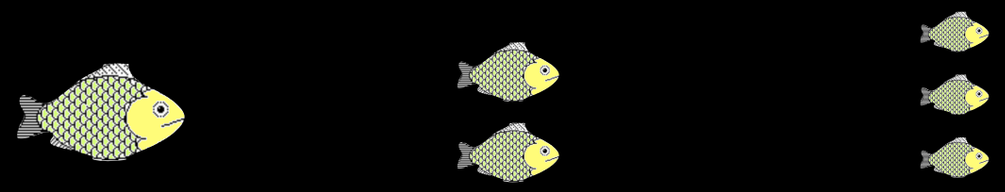
catch did I fish alive

Once I caught a fish alive

guri guri mari-dyulu

more more plenty

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten



wa̤gul bṳla bṳrṳwi

one two three

One, two, three, four, five,

ma̤n-ya-wu ma̤gara mṳda̤ng

catch did I fish alive

Once I caught a fish alive

gṳri gṳri ma̤ri-dyṳlṳ

more more plenty

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten

wila̤nga wa̤ri-ba̤nga-dya̤-wṳ

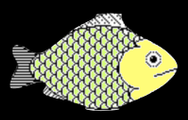
follow (next) away make did I

Then I let it go again.

minyin wari-banga-dyi-mi

why away make did thou (you)

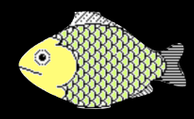
Why did you let it go?



biril-in biya-dya-nga

finger-because bite did me

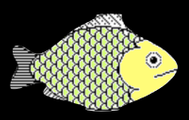
Because it bit my finger so.



ngan birili biya-yi

who/which finger bite did

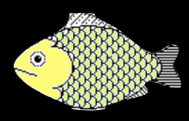
Which finger did it bite?



wilingali warangi

little finger right

This little finger on the right.



dun

tail [THE END]

badagarang

dyamal dyamal

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-muni lacking

JMS reconstruction
-arayi having

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-rayi having

appertaining to
-gulang

-birang deriving from

-a ERGative using / with

-gu to for

-wa at in on

-ngayi of

-in from because of

-yin from because of

-wi in company with

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-ba will

-ma will

-dyi was doing

-dya was doing

-yi did

SUFFIXES

Analysis

-wu I

-mi thou

-ngun we-two

-nyi we-all

-wi they-all

-nga me

-nya thee

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MORE SUFFIXES

-bi	act, do
-di	operative [?]
-gi	be
-li	continuous reflexive reciprocal
-mi	verbaliser make
-ni	
-ri	inert
-wi	movement
-yi	declare manner

-ba	act, do
-ga	be
-la	reciprocal
-ma	verbaliser make
-na	
-ra	urgent
-wa	movement
-ya	declare manner

Analysis

-i	inert, just happening
-a	URGent, vigorous, active

Much of this is uncertain. All of these suffixes (and more) were used, but the role of many is unclear

-l	transitiviser
-nga	transitiviser
-nga	human agency
-d	complete

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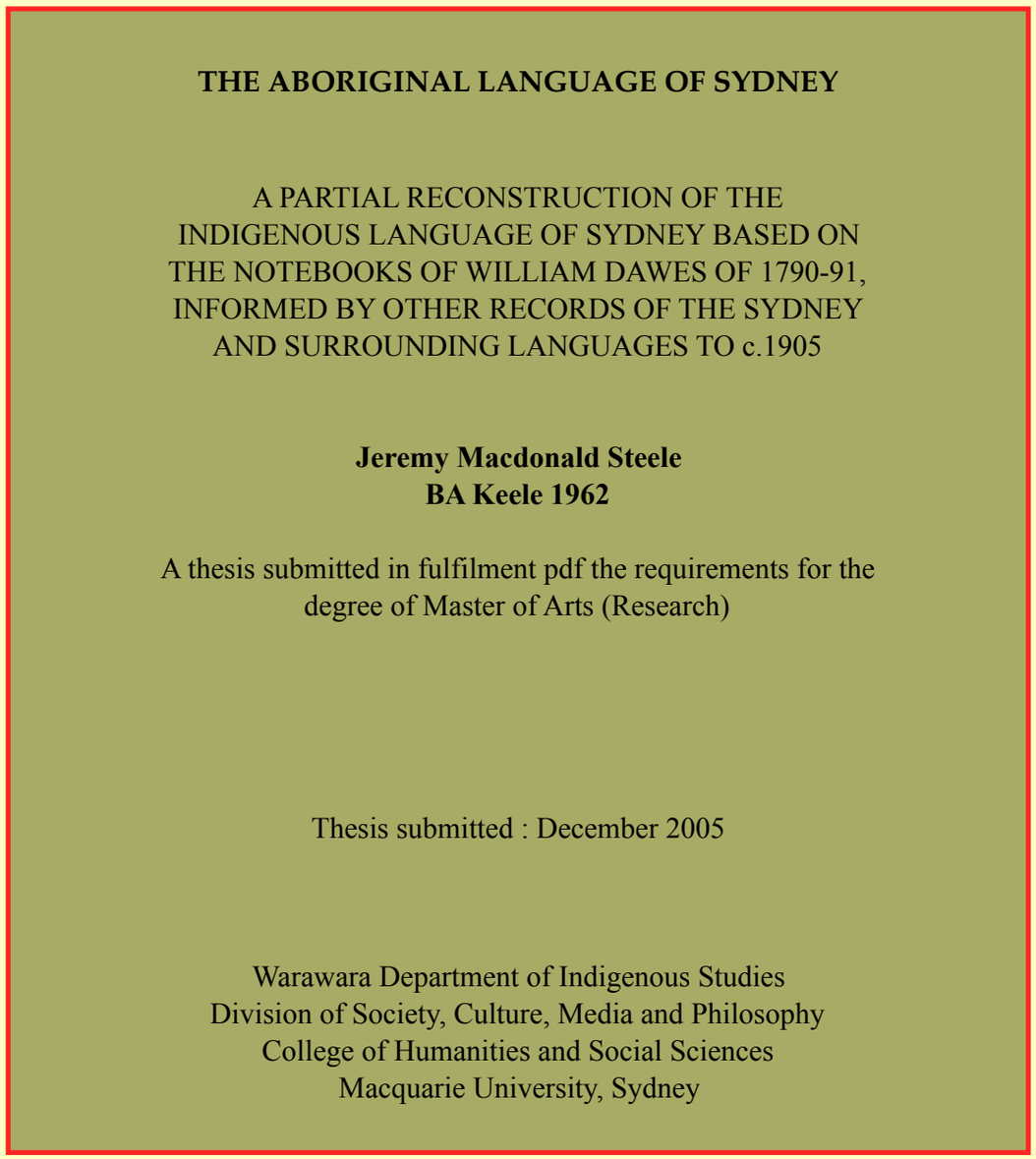

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