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CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION YAMBA'S PLAYTIME IS GATHERING TRACTION ON THE CHANNEL 9 NETWORK, RATING 100,000 VIEWERS IN ITS FIRST EPISODES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

"And this was only in the metropolitan cities across Australia - the ratings didn't take into account regional and rural viewing," Yamba host Jacinta Castle says.

Yamba the Honeyant made his debut 15 years ago on Imparja TV.

"He was created as the station's mascot and used to deliver goodnight messages like 'remember to brush your teeth'. He became really popular so he then got his own television series on Imparja, *Yamba's Playtime*," Jacinta says.

"In the last two years we have made a few changes to the show's format. We started working with scriptwriter Cameron Clarke who did the *Hi Five* children's television show and is now working on Channel 7 children's show, *Toybox*. In addition to the new scripts, Yamba was also given a voice.

"We are really excited about the show's success on commercial TV, because it's our way of bringing a bit of central Australia to the whole of Australia."

Yamba's Playtime was the first Indigenous Australian television series to be rated 'P'.

Ratings are determined by the Australian Broadcasting Authority and a 'P' rating means the show is intended for pre-schoolers.

It went to air on Channel 9 on 2 January this year and will continue through until the end of its 14 episodes. There is already talk about a second series for Channel 9.

While the series has a big health focus, there's also plenty of music, dancing and fun.

"I think the show is also successful because it's something uniquely Australian, incorporating Indigenous languages and themes that captivate everyone. We have been receiving emails from adult viewers who love the show. It's created quite a buzz," Jacinta says.

Yamba's Playtime is not the only show starring Yamba the Honeyant and his good friend Jacinta. There's also the *Yamba Roadshow*, which is a travelling roadshow that includes a 30-minute musical performance about healthy living. Jacinta and Yamba the Honeyant have just finished touring around the Northern Territory and are off to country Queensland and the Gulf in 2012.

And what's in store for *Yamba's Playtime* viewers in 2012? Plenty, according to Jacinta.

"There'll be singing and dancing and a bit of space travel for Yamba and myself. There's lots of exciting adventures in store for us in 2012."



YAMBA THE HONEYANT WITH HOST JACINTA CASTLE (L) AND PRODUCER JULIE McALLAN.

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SHOUT OUTS

@CaseyDonovan

In Melbourne... Hmm what to do??? Maybe watch a bit of tennis?

@kurtley_beale

Does Nadal pick his undies before a serve for luck?? Maybe I should do it before I kick for a goal.

@BeauChampion_4

Really wanna see Selena do well on *The Biggest Loser* ... Seems like a girl with a big heart who would always think of others.

@gorgeousgrose (George Rose)

How bout that @NRL #allstars side!!! Some seriously good players!!! Really looking forward to this game #allstars.

@anuchristine

I am so excited to be working with my band tomorrow. I love being part of @excessbaggage9 but nothing beats jamming with the guys.

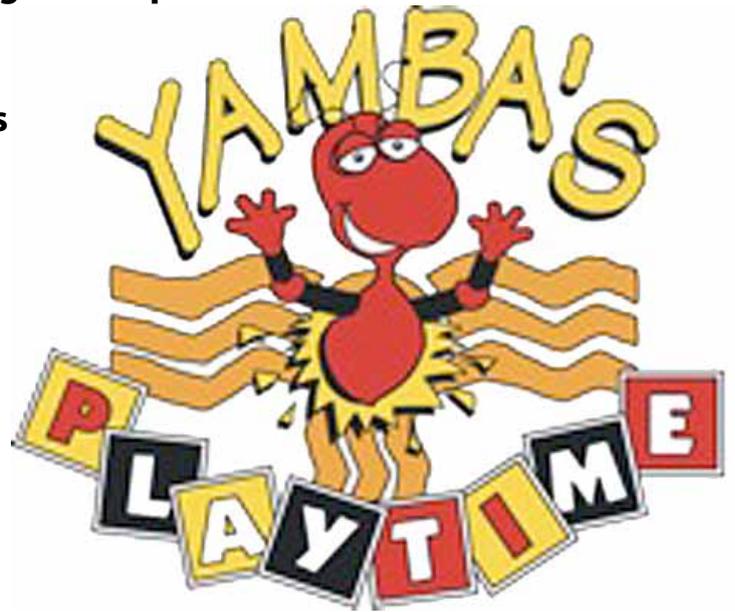


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Yamba the Honeyant was first seen on Imparja Television in Central Australia fifteen years ago. Yamba started off as Imparja's mascot, then he became so popular he was given his own show! *Yamba's Playtime* was the first Indigenous program for pre-school children.

The program has become so popular, it is now being shown on television stations across Australia.



Yamba the Honeyant

Draw a picture of Yamba the Honeyant.

A large, empty rectangular area with a dotted purple border, intended for drawing a picture of Yamba the Honeyant.

Read *Success is sweet* on page 30

ACTIVITY 1

BUILDING READING SKILLS

- skimming and scanning for information.
- reading headings, text boxes and pictures.
- reading for meaning.
- making connections between the text and your world.

There are three levels of comprehension questions:

- Literal** The answer is located in one sentence in the text.
- Inferred** You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.
- Applied** The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.

1 Where did viewers first see Yamba the Honeyant?

(inferred)

- Imparja Television
- Channel Nine
- Darwin Television
- Channel Seven



2 What is the name of Yamba's television show?

(inferred)

- Yamba the Honeyant
- Channel 9
- Yamba's Playtime
- Toybox

3 In what order did these events happen?

(inferred)

Number the boxes 1, 2, 3, 4.

- Yamba started speaking.
- Yamba finished touring around the Northern Territory.
- Yamba first appeared on Imparja Television.
- Yamba's Playtime was seen on Channel 9.



4 Why do you think that Yamba the Honeyant is so popular with young children?

(applied)



ACTIVITY 2

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - SPELLING

1 The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.



Yamba's *Playground* is an Imparja Television producshon.

Yamba says, "Rememba to brush your teeth."

There is lots of music, danceing and fun on the show.

2 Each sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

Yamba has his own televishon series.

Yamba talks about healthy liveing.

There are lots of adventchas ahead for Yamba.

ACTIVITY 3

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - GRAMMAR

1 Which word correctly completes these sentences?



Shade one bubble.

Yamba's Platyime was created _____ *Yamba* was so popular with young children.

- although
- because
- that
- then

2 Which word correctly completes these sentences?

Next month *Yamba* _____ seen on televisions across Australia.

- will have
- will be
- was
- had been

3 Which word correctly completes these sentences?

Yamba will also _____ in *Yamba's Roadshow*.

- starring
- stars
- star
- starred



Honeyant Dreaming



Honeyant

ACTIVITY 4

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – PUNCTUATION

1 Which sentence has the apostrophe (') in the correct place?

- Everyone love's Yamba.
- You should see Yamba's show.
- Yamba can be seen on television shows'.
- D'ont miss this show!



2 Add the contractions for have to the following pronouns.
The first one has been done for you.



pronoun	long form	contraction
I	I have	I've
We		
You		
They		

3 Some contractions become difficult when they are confused with their homophone (a word that sounds the same but is spelt differently).
Complete these sentences.

their / They're	_____ all ready to see _____ show.
their / There	_____ is always time to watch television in _____ house.
It's / Its	_____ a great show.
his / he's	Yamba loves to sing _____ songs.
Were / We're	_____ all going to watch Yamba today.

4 Connect the contractions to their long form.

what is I would don't it's

I'd they've should not do not

they have what's it is shouldn't

ACTIVITY 5

WRITING AN EXPOSITION



An Exposition is a type of argument that states one point of view about an issue. (A Discussion argues both sides of an issue.)

Here's how an Exposition is structured.

Argument type	Social Purpose	Stages	Phases
Exposition	argues one point of view about an issue	Thesis Arguments Restatement	preview evidence statistics quotes examples elaborations review conclusions

TOPIC - What is your favourite television show?

Write an EXPOSITION to explain your choice.

Think about:

- examples, statistics, elaborations and other evidence to support your ideas.

Remember to:

- research your topic and plan your writing.
- choose your arguments carefully.
- give reasons for your arguments.
- give examples to support your arguments.
- write in sentences.
- pay attention to your spelling and punctuation.
- use a new paragraph for each new idea.
- choose your words carefully to convince a reader of your opinions.
- check and edit your writing so that it is clear for a reader.