

VIBE ACTIVITIES

Easy Read – David Unaipon page 9



Deadly Vibe understands that everyone reads at different levels, and for many people, English is not their first language. To help you move along with your reading, Deadly Vibe has introduced the Easy Read, designed especially with young readers in mind.

David Unaipon

A man of many talents

HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED CLOSELY AT A \$50 NOTE? IF YOU DO, YOU WILL SEE THAT ON ONE SIDE OF IT THERE IS A PICTURE OF AN ABORIGINAL MAN. THIS MAN'S NAME WAS DAVID UNAIPON.

Australian banknotes have pictures of people who hold a special place in Australia's history. This is a way of remembering and celebrating the things these people did to make Australia the country it is today.

David was born over 100 years ago in the state of South Australia, in the year 1872. He was famous for being an inventor, a writer and a public speaker.

An inventor is someone who creates new things, such as machines or ways of doing things that can make life and chores a lot easier. A public speaker is a person who gives speeches in front of big groups of people.

His best-known invention was a tool that helped to cut the wool off sheep so that it could be made into many different things, such as clothes, rugs and blankets. Cutting the wool off sheep is called 'shearing'.

David was very interested in finding the scientific secret of perpetual motion, which means something that can run forever without any help. He didn't end up finding out the secret, but he said that he enjoyed every minute of his experiments.

He was also one of the very first Indigenous people in Australia to write and publish a book!

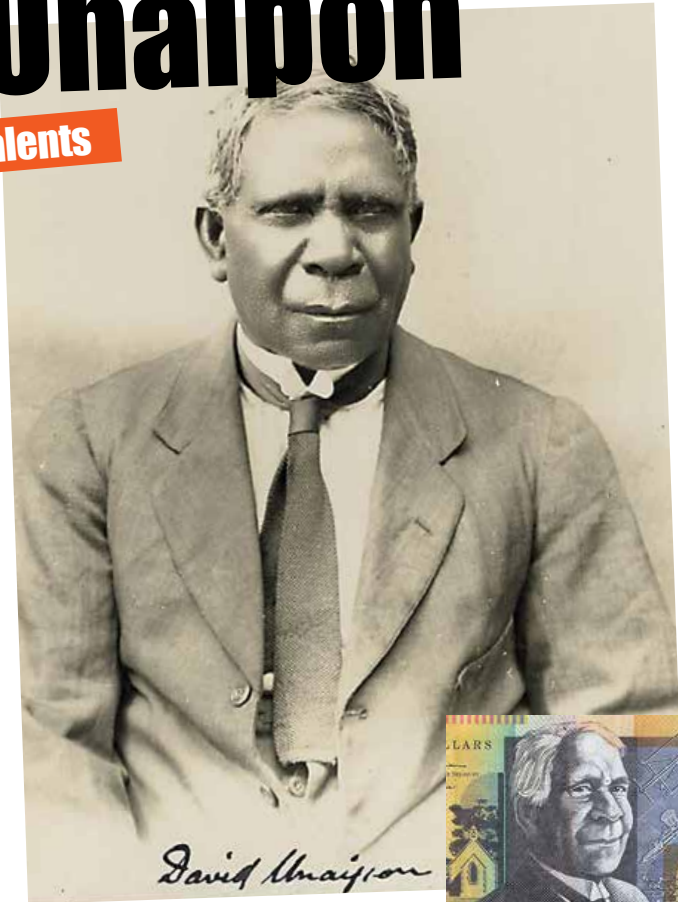
He wrote books and articles for newspapers about traditional Aboriginal stories, and

he also wrote and spoke to many people about the importance for Aboriginal people to be treated fairly by others. For example, in the time when David lived, because he was Aboriginal, he was not allowed to visit or stay in some of the same places as people who weren't Aboriginal.

David liked to travel around the country talking to people, sharing stories about Aboriginal life and legends in the hope

that there could be a better understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal culture.

In honour of his contributions to science and writing, David was celebrated in different ways. He received a special medal from the Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, he has a writing award named after him and, of course, in 1995 his picture was added to the \$50 banknote, the same note that we use today.



Have you ever looked closely at a \$50 note? Do you know who is on it?
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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 TRUE or FALSE? Circle the correct answer.

(literal)

Circle the correct answer.

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|--|-------------|--------------|
| David Unaipon was born in 1872. | TRUE | FALSE |
| David Unaipon was born in New South Wales. | TRUE | FALSE |
| David Unaipon can be found on the \$20 note. | TRUE | FALSE |
| David Unaipon invented a shearing tool. | TRUE | FALSE |
| David Unaipon received a medal from the Queen. | TRUE | FALSE |

ACTIVITY 2
CLOZE PASSAGE



1 Fill in the gaps using words from the **Word Box** below.

David Unaipon _____ on the Australian \$50 note.

He was an _____, writer and public _____.

His best known _____ was a shearing tool.

He was one of the first _____ people to ever publish a book.

David Unaipon _____ throughout Australia sharing stories about _____ Aboriginal life. He wanted people to _____ more about Aboriginal culture.

Word Box			
travelled	Aboriginal	traditional	invention
inventor	understand	speaker	appears

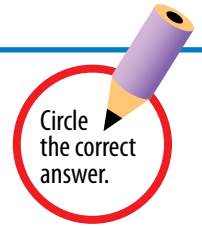
2 Place the words from the **Word Box** in ABC order.

3 Who would you like to see on an Australian bank note? Explain your choice. (applied)

ACTIVITY 3

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – HIS OR HE’S?

1 Circle the correct word in these sentences.



(**He’s / His**) face is on the \$50 note.

This was (**he’s / his**) most important invention.

(**He’s / His**) well-known in Australia.

This is (**he’s / his**) book.

David Unaipon was proud of (**he’s / his**) medal.

ACTIVITY 4

PUNCTUATION

1 Rewrite these three sentences with the correct punctuation.



david was born over one hundred years ago in south australia he was an inventor a writer and a public speaker hes remembered for his shearing inventions

ACTIVITY 5 MY STORY COMPETITION



1 David Unaipon thought a lot about the future and how to make it better.

This month's topic for Vibe's My Story Competition (see page 30) is

To the future... and beyond!

Why not put your ideas down on paper and send in your entry?

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC
To the future... and beyond!

What's going to happen tomorrow?
Would you want to know, even if you could?
What might happen if you went even further into the future?
What might your home, town or city be like in 100 years' time or more?
Tell us how you imagine your typical day in the future might be?

win!

A KOBO eReader & Move It Mob Style DVD!

my story

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____ Class: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parents/ Guardians written permission for publication*, including photo, has been provided to school

Teacher Signature: _____

ENTRIES IN BY FRIDAY, 20 JUNE 2014

ATTACH YOUR STORY:
TO THE FUTURE... AND BEYOND!
Cut out this coupon (or photocopy it), fill it all in, then attach it to your entry along WITH A PHOTO of yourself and send it to:
"My Story Competition" Vibe Australia
PO Box 1536, GOULBURN, NSW, 2580

THE RULES! If you are in infants' school, your story can be up to 40 words long. If you're in primary school your story should be up to 80 words. If you're in junior secondary school, your essay must be between 150 and 200 words. Entries are now open, and you can enter as many times as you like. All entries will be judged by a panel, and the best story in each age category will WIN A KOBO eREADER! Results will be published in the JULY 2014 edition of *Deadly Vibe*.

Good luck!
You could win some great prizes.

