

VIBE ACTIVITIES

Easy Read – *Who was Patyegarang?* page 10



Deadly Vibe understands that everyone reads at different levels, and lots of our people only learn English after they have learned their own language first. To help you move along with your reading, *Deadly Vibe* has introduced the Easy Read.

This month's easy read story is all about a significant figure in Australia's history – Eora woman, Patyegarang.

Who was Patyegarang?

PATYEGARANG WAS AN ABORIGINAL WOMAN WHO WAS ALIVE AT THE TIME THE FIRST FLEET ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA, IN 1788.

The First Fleet is the name given to the 11 ships that sailed from England to Australia to establish a penal colony in Sydney, right on the shores of Sydney Harbour.

Patyegarang belonged to the Eora nation, a people who lived in what is now known as Sydney. We know of her story today because she became good friends with an Englishman named William Dawes, who came to Sydney with the First Fleet. Patyegarang taught William her language, which he then wrote down in his diary.

Up until that point in time, the language that Patyegarang spoke had only ever been taught by speaking it. No one had ever written it down. This is what you call an oral tradition of language.

Dawes was the first person to write down an Australian language, and Patyegarang was one of the first people to have taught an Aboriginal language to a non-Aboriginal person.



William Dawes



One of William Dawes' many diaries

Eora Nation:

The Eora people are a group of Indigenous people who were united by a common language, strong ties of kinship and survived as skilled hunter-fisher-gatherers in family groups or clans scattered along the coastal area of what is now known as the Sydney basin.

Penal Colony:

A place that prisoners are taken to (they are often located on an island from which escape is difficult or impossible)

Patyegarang was an Aboriginal woman who was alive at the time the First Fleet arrived in Australian in 1788.

Her story is currently being told through dance by the Bangarra Dance Company.

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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 Describe the Eora nation of people. (literal)



2 According to the text, Patyegarang and Englishman William Dawes learned a lot from each other. What was the main thing that Dawes learnt from Patyegarang? (inferred)



3 Why was this important? (applied)

4 What was the First Fleet? (inferred)

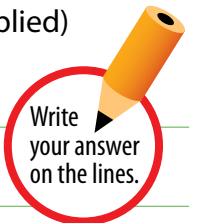
- another name for the Eora Nation
- ships belonging to William Dawes
- ships that sailed from England to establish a penal colony in Australia
- Sydney Harbour



5 What is a penal colony? (inferred)

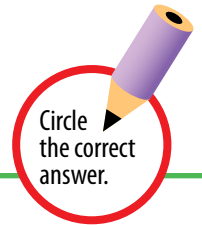
- a place for people to gather food
- the area around Sydney Harbour
- a settlement for farmers
- a place for criminals

6 Explain the purpose for adding the pictures to the written text. (applied)



ACTIVITY 2

TRUE OR FALSE?



1 Circle the correct answer. (literal)

The First Fleet arrived in 1877.	TRUE	FALSE
England established a penal colony in Australia.	TRUE	FALSE
Patyegarang belonged to the Wiradjuri Nation.	TRUE	FALSE
Dawes was the first person to write down an Aboriginal language.	TRUE	FALSE
The Eora Nation were hunter-fisher-gatherers.	TRUE	FALSE

ACTIVITY 3

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – SPELLING

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



The First Fleat arrived in 1788.

England estabblished a colony for criminals.

She tort Dawes her language.

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

He wrote all about her langage in his diary.

He had only heard her speaking it.

He rote it down so he could remember it.



ACTIVITY 4

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

1 Which is a correct sentence?

- A place that prisoners are taken.
- Escape from the colony was difficult.
- United by a common language.
- Dawes was the only.



2 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Dawes was the first person to write down an Aboriginal language.
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- "Dawes was the first person to write down an Aboriginal language."

