We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People as the Traditional Owners of the land and pay our respects to Elders past and present









Boorai – Child or baby

Deadly – Awesome or great

Yarn – Talk or have a conversation

Mob – Aboriginal people (generally or belonging to a specific Nation/Country)

Elder – A respected, senior Aboriginal person who holds cultural knowledge

Warm and Gentle









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Mum sees Boorai riding his bike without a helmet.

Mum: Look at you riding your bike, looks like fun.

Boorai: Yeah!



Mum: Come on, you need to wear a helmet so let's put it on please.

Boorai: Okay then.



Mum: Come here please Bub, you need to put your helmet on.

Boorai: I don't want to.



Mum: Thanks, you're looking deadly!









Tuning in



Nan: Look at your face! Is that mandarin a bit sour?

Boorai: Yeah it's sour but still yummy.



Nan: Aw I'm glad you like it.









Following your child's lead



Dad: What are you playing with?
Are you driving the truck?
Boorai picks up truck and makes sounds.



Dad: What a cool truck!



Boorai touches the wheels and makes sounds.

Dad: You like the wheels don't you?



Boorai touches the wheels trying to spin them around.

Dad: Let's spin the wheels together.

Yarn with excitement with your Boorai

Give choices, start conversations and take turns

Yarn together anywhere, anytime

Describe, label and ask

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Speak clearly, exaggerate and repeat





Listening and Talking more



Dad: We've got lots of fruit here don't we? What are you going to eat?



Dad: You like watermelon don't you? It's very yummy. **Boorai:** I love watermelon! Boorai: Watermelon!









Teachable moments



Boorai: Let's play with these blocks. **Nan:** Ok good idea.



Nan: That's a great stack you're making.
What shape is that block?
Boorai: Umm... It's a rainbow shape.
Nan: Ah yes it is, isn't it? You are too clever Nan!



Boorai: Look at this one!

Nan: Wow yeah! What colour is that block?

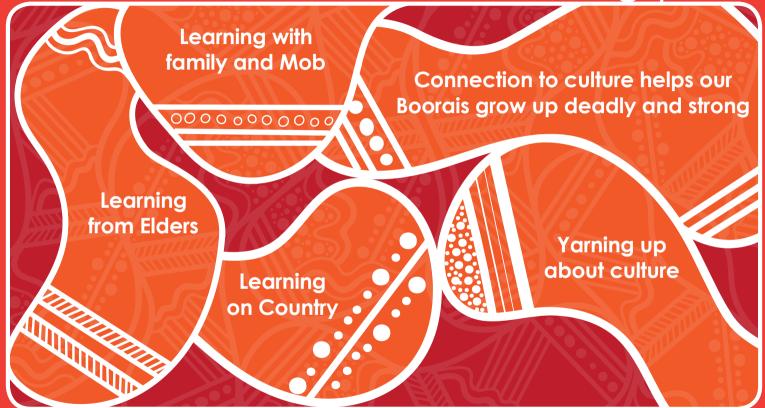
Boorai: Black!

Nan: And what about the spots?

Boorai: White.



Nan: How many blocks have you got there?
Boorai: One, two, three, four!
Nan: Great counting!









Learning through culture



Dad: Here let Daddy help you put on your possum skin. It's nice and soft isn't it?

Boorai: Yeah.



Dad: You look cosy! Possum skins keep our Mob nice and warm don't they?
Boorai: It's soft.









Reading



Read together.
Let your Boorai turn the pages.
Let your Boorai lead.
It's ok to skip pages.
Ask questions (what, why, when, where).



Let your Boorai tell the story or finish off a sentence. You don't have to stick to the story. Talk about the story.









Reading with your child



Mum reads out loud.

Mum: What animal do you think that is?



Boorai: I think it's a possum!

Mum: That's right Dort, it's a funny little possum isn't it? What's the possum doing?









Watch screens together



TV/screen time

• Limit the time your Boorai watches screens.

TV/screen watching

- Choose age-appropriate shows and games.
- Limit the number of ads they see.
- Talk about what they're seeing and hearing.

Home environment and TV/screens

• Think about playing music instead.









Words are everywhere

