

ELDER'S STORY

1. Where were you born?
2. What is your traditional name?
3. What is, or do you have a totem?
4. Can you teach me an animal dance?
5. What are your people called?
6. What traditional language do you speak?
7. How do I say hello and goodbye...in your language?
8. What is your traditional bush tucker?
9. Can you show me how to draw 3 animal tracks in the sand?
10. Can you teach me how to sing a song that your mum or dad taught you?
11. Now put all the answers into a story - a 'know your Elders', story.

ANIMAL GAME

This game will encourage children to think of what animals live in Australia; promote movement, creativity and psychosocial skills.

1. Gather the children to form a circle facing inwards.
2. Ask the children to think of an Australian animal.
3. Ask the children to think of how that animal would move around in the bush.
4. Ask the children who would like to go first.
5. Get the first child to mimic the animal by walking, crawling, hopping etc. away from the circle and get everyone else to mimic that child as well.
6. Instruct the child to return to his or her original spot in the circle.
7. Repeat until every child has had a turn.

ART EXHIBITION

Celebrate the day or week by collecting all the art works that the children have made and display these by having a Children's Day community art exhibition. The children can design and write out the invitations, programme etc to their families.

Invite a local group of performers and invite an Elder to 'open' the Children's Day art exhibition.

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