

Learning Tanganekald

Tanganekald is a language of the Ngarrindjeri Nation, from the Lakes and Coorong region of South Australia.

korni - man

meimini - woman

porli - child

kardarangku - fishing net

mowantji - fishing spear

talayarrinyi - fire

kuri - river

tukari- Bony Bream

pondi - Murray Cod

nyindupi - eel

koiya - basket

nari - shore

yuki - canoe

ngaitji - totem

yaluwar - ocean

parenguki - water

parna - rain

mantal - thunder

Look at the Tanganekald words above. Have a go at reading each pair aloud.

- Do the words feel difficult to pronounce? Why or why not?
- Which sounds are used a lot?
- Sometimes words use onomatopoeia (when they sound like the thing they are describing). Do any of these words sound like the thing they are describing?

This vocabulary is from Aboriginal Living Languages South Australia.¹

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Play! Start by cutting up the Tanganekald vocabulary cards.

MEMORY

1. Find one or two other students to play with.
2. Take one set of vocabulary cards, turn them upside down and mix them up.
3. Take turns to find and keep matches. (If you need to check your matches, use the word bank at the top of the page.)

BINGO!

1. Choose nine vocabulary cards with Tanganekald words on them.
2. Place them in the grid.
3. Listen to your teacher as they call out words from the word bank in English.
4. Use counters to mark the words when you hear the English version of your Tanganekald words.

¹ <https://aboriginallivinglanguages.sa.gov.au/riverine/tanganekald/>



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Tanganekald Vocabulary Cards

man	fishing net	river	eel	canoe	water
korni	kardarangku	kuri	nyindupi	yuki	parenguki
woman	fishing spear	bony bream	basket	totem	rain
meimini	mowantji	tukari	koiya	ngaitji	parna
child	fire	Murray cod	shore	ocean	thunder
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