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STUDENT ACTIVITY

# A DAY AT THE BEACH FOR TRADITIONAL NYUNGAR PEOPLE

In the summer seasons, Birak and Bunuru, Yellagonga and his tribe would spend time along the coast fishing in the shallows and trading with other tribes.

Look at the tools and implements below – what do you think they were used for?



#### Research

Use library resources and the internet to find out the English word for the Nyungar name for the tools and implements.

- City of Joondalup, no date, *Joondalup Mooro Boodjar: Indigenous Culture within Mooro Country*, www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/Libraries/Documents/Joondalup\_Mooro\_Boodjar\_Brochure.pdf
- South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, *Kaartdijin Noongar: Sharing Noongar Culture*, **www.noongarculture.org.au**
- Whitehurst, R., 1992, Noongar Dictionary www.noongarculture.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Noongar-Dictionary-Second-Edition.pdf

## Complete the table below:

Nyungar name	English word	What is it used for?
Wanna/Wana/Wonna		
Daap		
Kooda-Kooda		
Kali/Kayili/Kylie		
Mirlkoorn		
Miro		
Gidjie/Gidgee		
Mullers		
Balga Boorna		
Kodja/Koitj/Kodj		

### Task

Imagine you are one of Yellagonga's tribesmen or women. How would you spend your day at the beach? Write a diary entry describing a typical day at the beach as a Nyungar person from the Mooro country.

Use the space below to plan your work. You may have to do some more research. For example did you know that women were not allowed to use spears or that a wanna is a digging stick only used by women?		