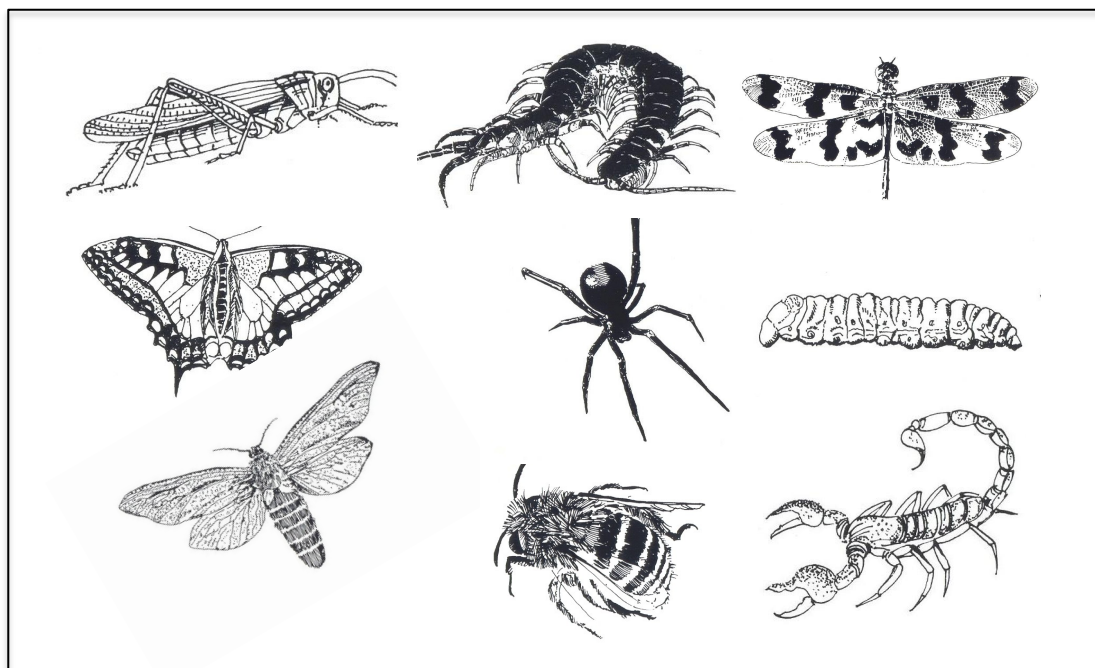


Noongar

Minga

Insects

Activity pack



Keeping Noongar Language alive

Teacher's Background Information

Like many other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, family relationships are very important. Noongar people have large extended family connections that impacts on a child's upbringing. Noongar people use the same relationships terms like brother, sister aunty and uncle when greeting other Noongar people who are not related which is also commonly used by other Aboriginal groups across Australia.

It is a form of acknowledgement and respect to each other from one person to another.

Noongar Language

Noongar was spoken in a traditional grammatical form prior to European settlement of WA. policies of the 19th century impacted significantly on the use of **traditional Noongar** grammar, consequently the grammar changed. It is now evolved into what is termed **contemporary Noongar**.

Contemporary Noongar is heavily influenced by contact with English grammar.

Contemporary and traditional Noongar language both are valid and used appropriately.

Languages must be dynamic and evolved to survive. Research is being undertaken on both traditional and contemporary forms of Noongar language.

This package uses the contemporary Noongar Language.

Lesson overview

These activities will provide students the opportunity to engage in a step by step Noongar language learning program about family.

Key learning/ Purpose

- Identify and keywords of the insects in Noongar language;
- To identify common insects of Western Australia that are native to Noongar country.
- To learn to read and write the Noongar keywords using the Noongar grammatical system.

Resources

- Insect keywords
- Work book
- Craft Activity

Support Materials available online www.noongarboodjar.com.au

- Minga Insect Readers levels 1-5



Greeting circle

Steps:

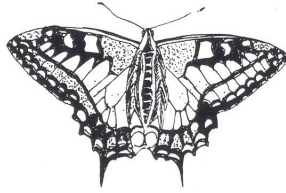
1. First you need a **Message stick** (talking stick). To make one of these, simply take a tapping stick or a stick from the garden and decorate any way you like.
2. Once you have made your stick, gather your students into a circle.
3. Explain to the students you cannot speak unless you have the message stick. This allows everyone to have the opportunity to share.
4. To begin each student will pass around the message stick saying **Kaya' (ki-ya)** (*meaning hello in Noongar language*) and then pass it on until everyone has had a turn.
5. As you work through this program you can use other words. This can also be done by introducing new words from the **Bird** word list on page 3



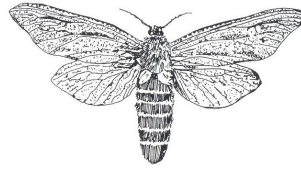
Minga *Insects* Keywords



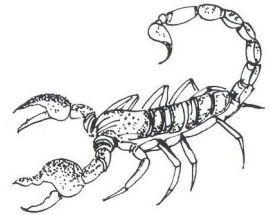
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barn barn



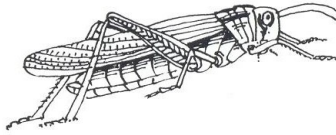
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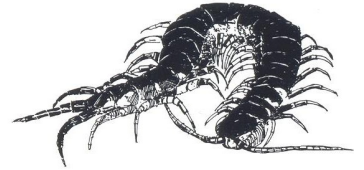
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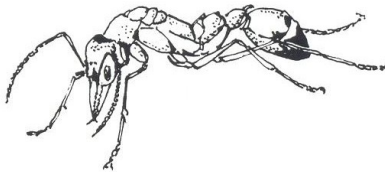
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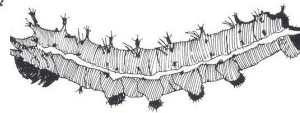
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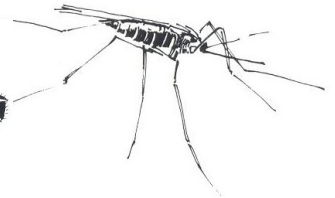
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kirlar



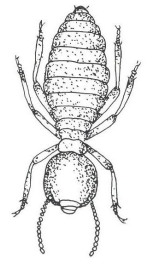
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Maar Koorl

Drawing

Draw a picture of your favourite insect in a tree. Then write the name of your insect in the space below.



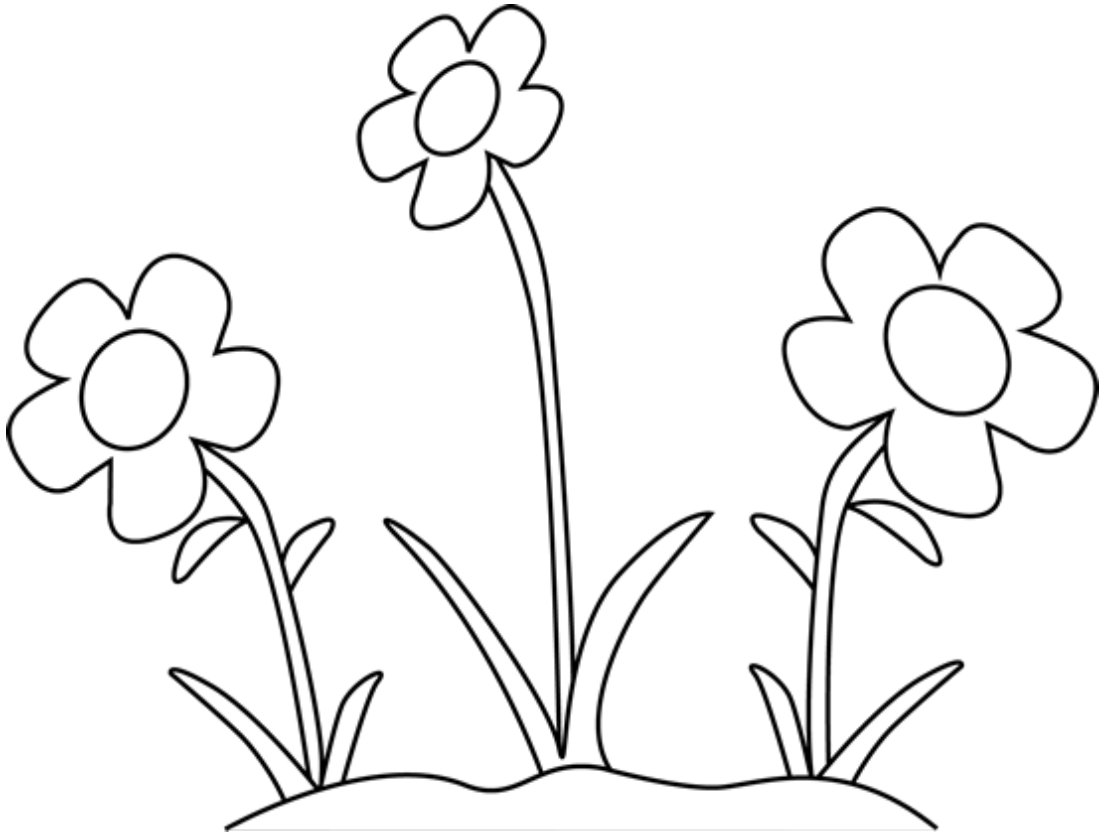
Minga (insects) word List	
bardi	witchetty grub
barn barn	butterfly
bidit	ant
bindi bindi	moth
djaril	scorpion
djerakan noort	dragon fly
djidily	grass hoppper
djilyara	bee
kanbara	centipede
kar	spider
kirlar	bull ant
ngarna	caterpillar
nirko	mosquito
noort	fly
wirt	termite

Ngiyan djet-ak nyininy?

Who lives in the tree?

Activity:

1. Choose 4 insects from your **minga** word list and draw them in the picture below.
2. Write their names on the spaces below.

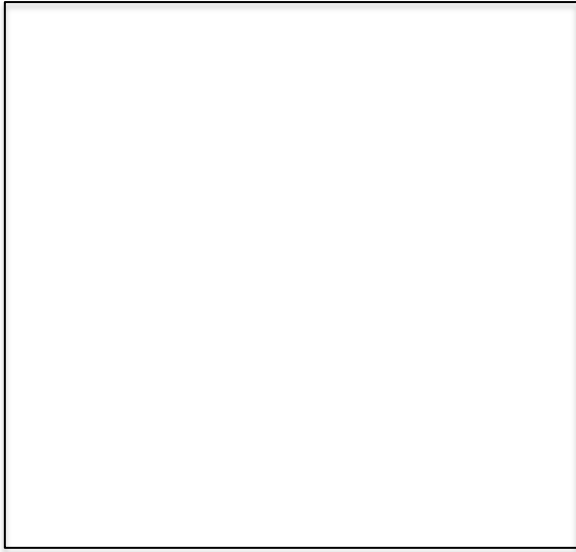


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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

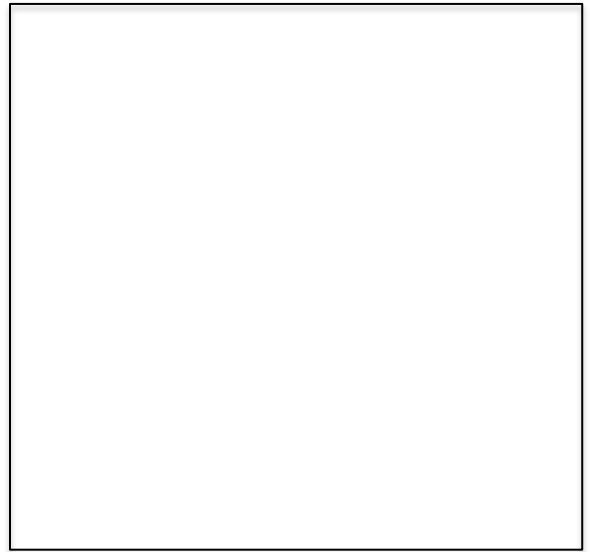
1. Complete the sentences by choosing family members you have from the **minga** word list on page 5.

2. Then draw a picture matching your sentences in the boxes below.

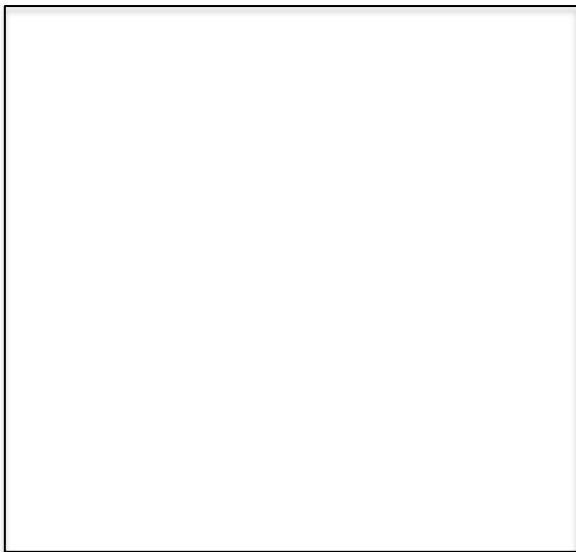
Example: Nidja **bindi bindi** - This is a moth



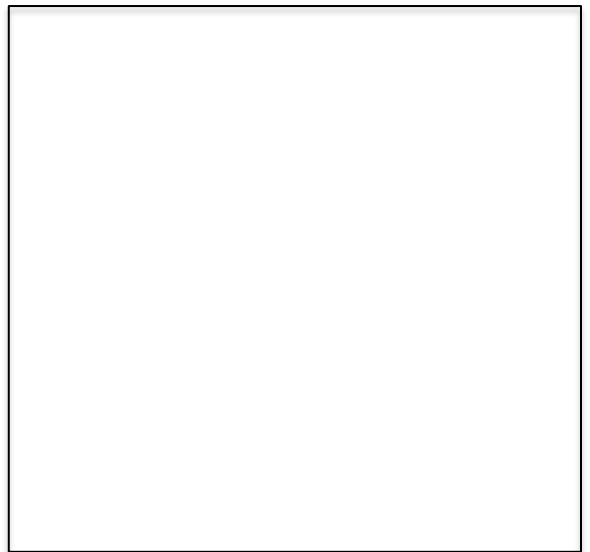
Nidja _____



Nidja _____



Nidja _____



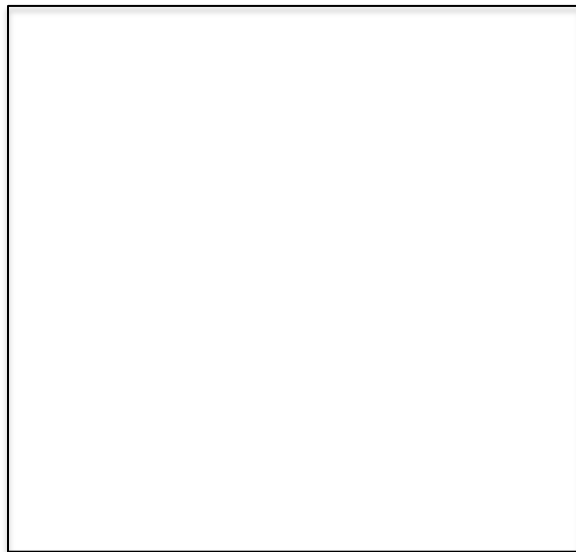
Nidja _____

1. Complete the sentences by choosing family members you have from the **minga (insect)** word list on page 5.
2. Then draw a picture matching your sentences in the boxes below.

Example: Nidja **bindi-bindi** (moth) This is a emu



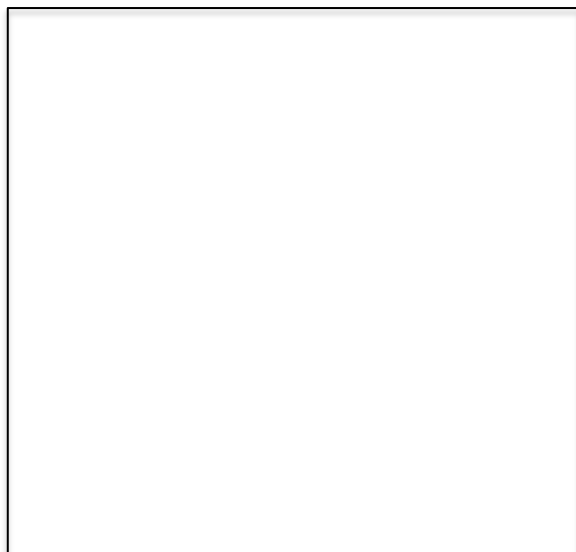
Nidja _____



Nidja _____



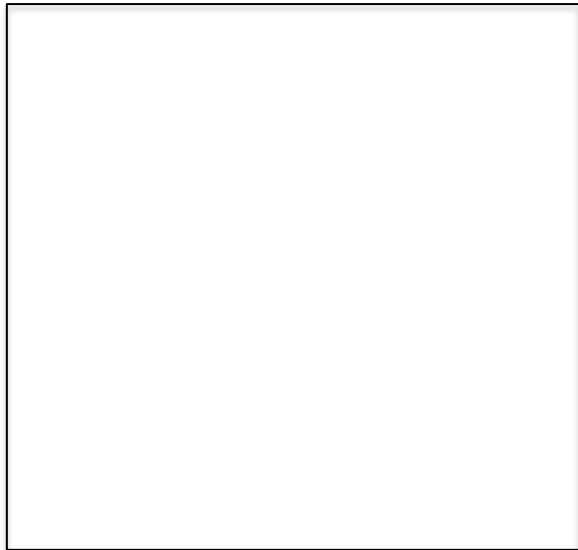
Nidja _____



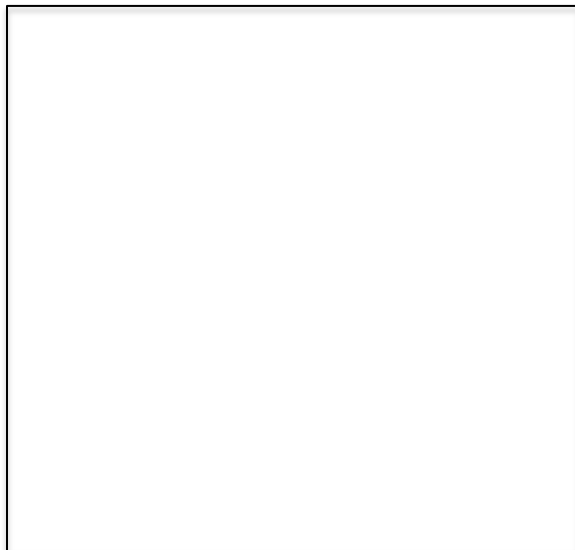
Nidja _____

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2. Then draw a picture matching your sentences in the boxes below.

Example: Nidja **bindi bindi** - This is a moth.



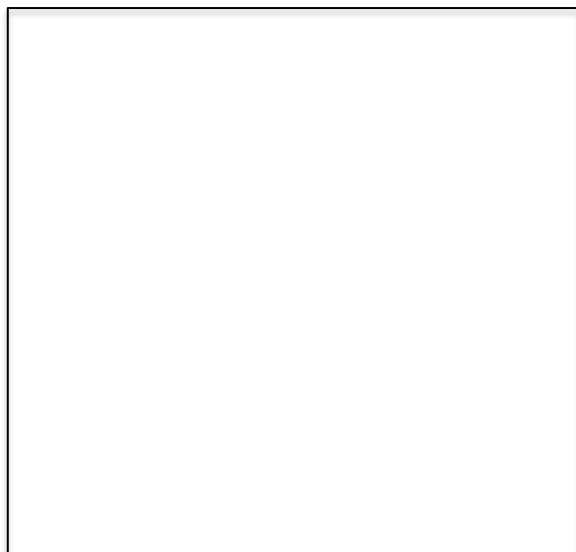
Nidja nganyang _____.



Nidja nganyang _____.



Nidja nganyang _____.

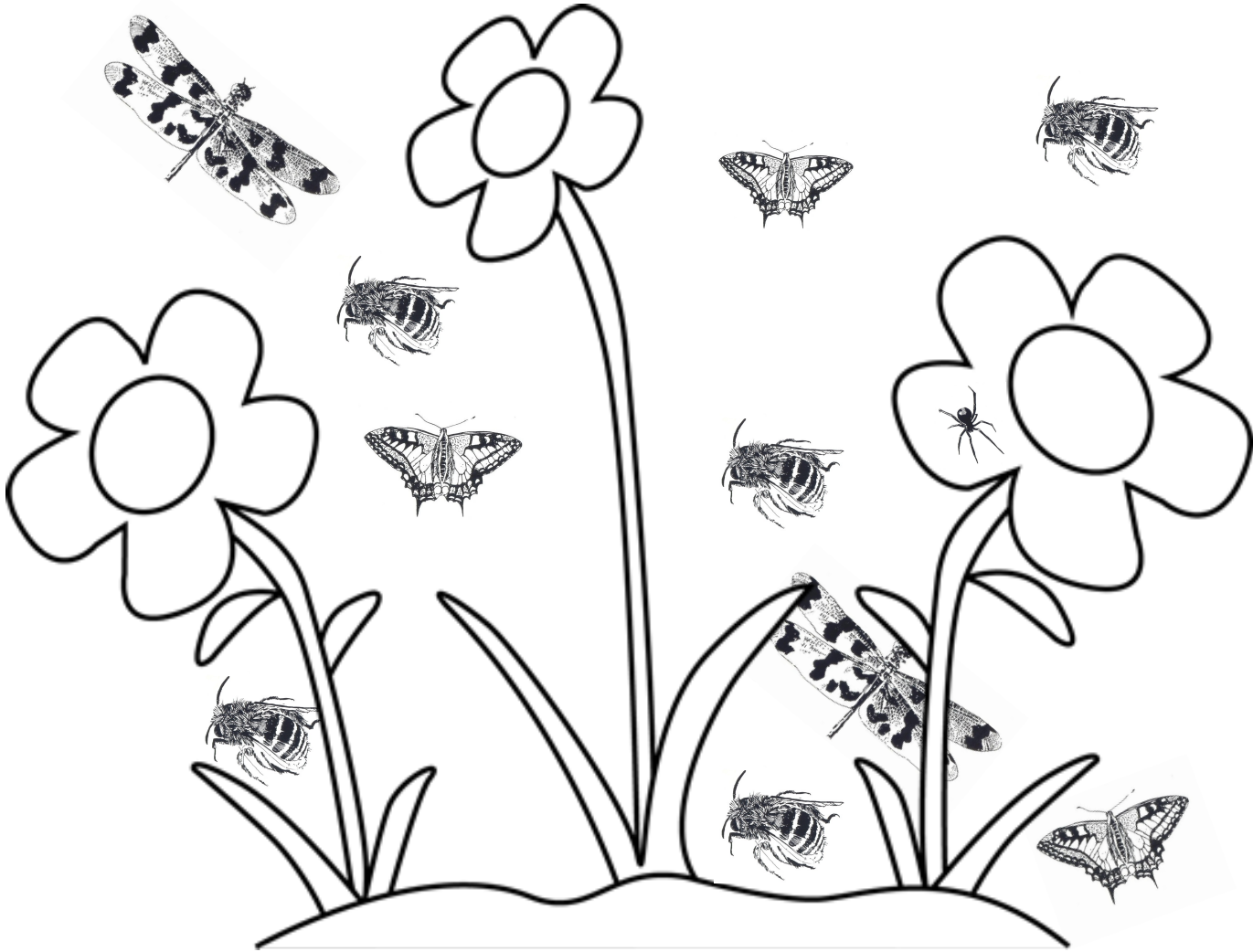


Nidja nganyang _____.

Ngiyan djet-ak nyininy?

Who is living in the flowers?

Use your **minga** word list to help you.



1. How many barn barn can you see? _____
2. How many djilyara can you see? _____
3. How many djerakan noort can you see? _____
4. How many kar can you see? _____

Maar Koorliny



Key word: Nidja – This is

Instructions: Using the your keyword 'Nidja' complete these sentences below. Choose a family member from your **minga** (**insect**) wordlist on page 5. The first one is done for you.

1. Nidja kar (spider)

2. Nidja _____

3. Nidja _____

4. Nidja _____

5. N_____

6. N_____

7. _____

8. _____

Maar Koorliny

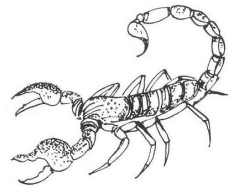


Missing letters: Fill in the missing letters of the birds keywords. Look at your **minga** word list to help you.

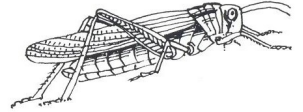
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2. k _ r l _
3. m _ _ g _
4. d j _ d _ l y
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6. b _ _ d _
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9. n g _ r _ a
10. k _ n _ a _ a

Matching words

barn barn



kirlar



djilyara



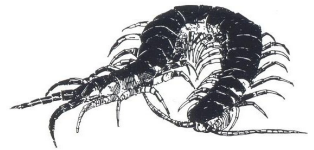
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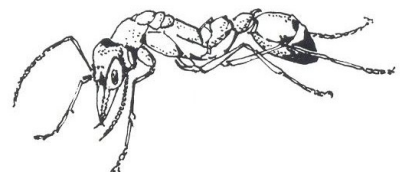


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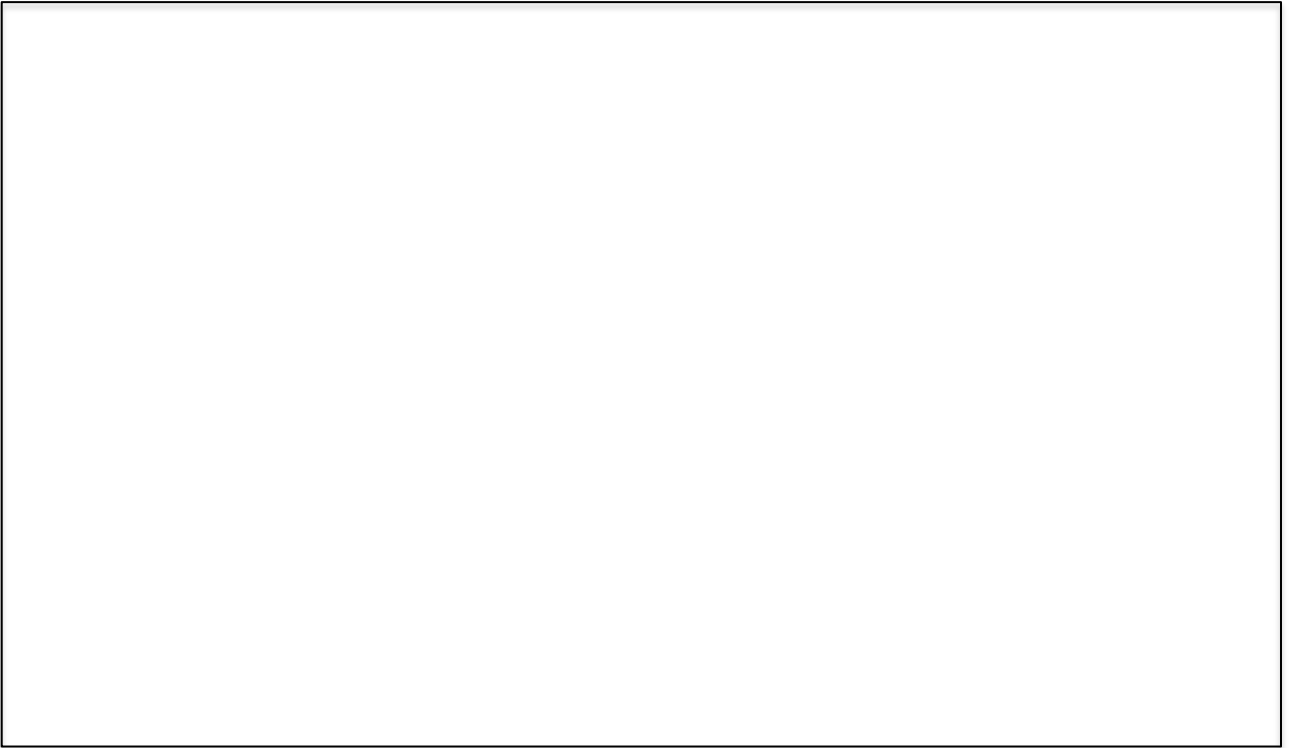
djaril



boodja

(ground)

Read the sentence below and draw



Bidit boodja-k koorliny.
Ants on the ground moving.

Learn how to speak Noongar

Noongar Vowel Sounds

a	as in up
aa	as in car
e	as in ten
i	as in bin
o	as in pot or sometimes for
oo	as in book or sometimes boot. (Note: if oo is followed by a r the sound is oo r and in born) example moort-family

Let's try our first words

k a y a - welcome, hello and yes

m a a r - hand

m e n - lips

b i d i t - ant

y o k - girl

k o o m b a - big



Noongar consonants Sounds

b	as in bin or spin
bw	as in bwana (Swahili name for boss)
d	as in dark or string
dj	as in judge
dw	as in twitch
k	as in skill (between English g and k)
kw	as in quiet
-l, -l-	as in lamp or nil
-ly	as in million
m	as in man
n	as in nil
ng	as in sing
ny	as in onion, nuisance
-p	as in cob, spin
-r	as in carol
-rd-	as in card (like an American would say it)
-rt	as in cart (like an American would say it)
-rl	as in whirl (like an American would say it)
-rn	as in torn (like an American would say it)
-t	as in sting (between English d and t)
-tj	as in chair
w	as in wet
y	as in yell

Here are some examples of words using the Noongar consonants:

bamba- stingray

bwoka - kangaroo cloak

darp - knife

djen - foot

dwert - dog

kar - spider

kwila - shark

dilbi,- fresh leaf, kwilena- dolphin

bilya- river

maaman- father

noort - fly

ngany - I/myself

nyingarn

nop - boy

maar - hand

ward - find

moort - family

worl -sky

yoorn - bobtail

kaat - head

wetj - emu

waabiny - playing

yongka - kangaroo

Teacher notes

Sentences

Create your own sentences.

Noongar language word order is very different from that in English and object S,V,O (subject verb and object) . The Noongar word order consists of S,O,V (subject object and verb.) Below is an example of the word order.

1. minga boodj-ak koorliny.
Insects ground- on moving.
subject object/location-suffix verb
- ak, -k – meaning in, on, at this case on

2. The next exercise will give students the opportunity to use the Noongar word order. Let's start by introducing the key word **djet** with added suffix **-ak, djet-ak** (flower -in, on)

Boorn *tree* (an object and location) -ak is the suffix added to describe *in the tree or on the tree*.

Generally location words, have the suffix **-ak or -k** attached to describe where a subject is located : e.g. **miya-k- in** the house; **on** the house. In this case the word **marlak** is an exception due to it already has – ak in it. To make pronunciation easier, the suffix – ngat is then used resulting in **marlak-ngat in the bush**.

Note: -k : if a word ends in a vowel such as **a, aa, i, o, oo** then the suffix will only be – **k** as in **miya-k** shown above.

-ak : if the word ends in a consonant then the suffix will be **-ak**.

Here are three examples:

1. boodja-k *ground-in, on*
2. djet-ak *flower-in, on*
3. boorn-ak *tree- in, on*

Please refer to the Vowels and Consonants sounds on pages 15, 16 and 17.

So let's have a go in the exercise on next page.

Noongar Suffixes

Rules:

- **k**: if a word ends in a vowel such **as a, aa, i, o, oo** then the suffix will only be - **k** as in bily-**ak** river- *in, on, at*.

-**ak** : if the word does not end with one of the vowels below then the suffix will be -**ak** as in boorn-**ak** tree -*in*.

-**ngat** : *near, in*

Vowels: a, aa, i, o, oo

Look at the last letter of each word, this will help you decide which suffix to use -k, -ak or -ngat.

Below is a list of locations

1. *djet* - _____
flower
2. *boorn* - _____
tree
3. *boodja* - _____
ground
4. *boya* - _____
rock
5. *marlak* - _____
bush
6. *worl* - _____
sky

Sentences

Create your own sentences.

Your keyword is **djet-ak** *tree-in*

Use this keyword to make your own sentences.

E.g. **Kar djet-ak nyininy** *Spider flower-in, on sitting.*

1. Koolbardi boorn-ak nyininy.
2. _____ djet-ak nyininy.
3. _____ djet-ak nyininy.
4. _____ djet-ak nyininy.
5. _____ djet-ak nyininy.

Choose words from this list:

barn barn *butterfly*
noordoo *fly*
djilyara *bee*
ngarna *caterpillar*
djidily *grass hopper*

Sentences

Adding locations

Choose location words below to create your own sentences.
(Please look at the **minga (insect)** word list on page 5 to help you)

E.g. Kar **boodja-k** nyininy. - *Spider on the ground sitting.*
Ngarna **djet-ak** koorliny - *Caterpillar on the flower moving.*

1. Kar boodja-k nyininy.
2. Nargna _____ nyininy.
3. Bidit _____ nyininy.
4. Djaril _____ koorliny.
5. _____ koorliny.

Choose location words from this list:

boodja-k *ground-on*
boorn-ak *tree-in,on*
boya-k *rock-on*
djet-ak *flower-on*

Activity

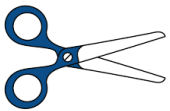
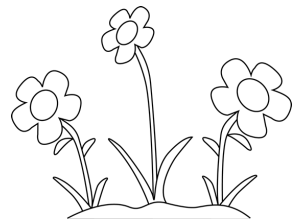
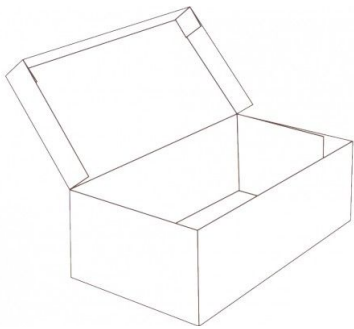
Garden Bed

You will need :

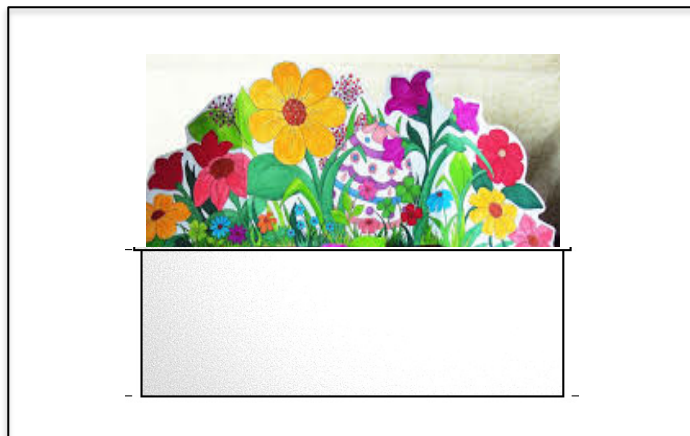
1. 1 x shoe box
2. Flower oasis foam
3. Paint
4. Scissors
5. Flower templates
6. Pop sticks
7. Felt coloured pens

Instructions:

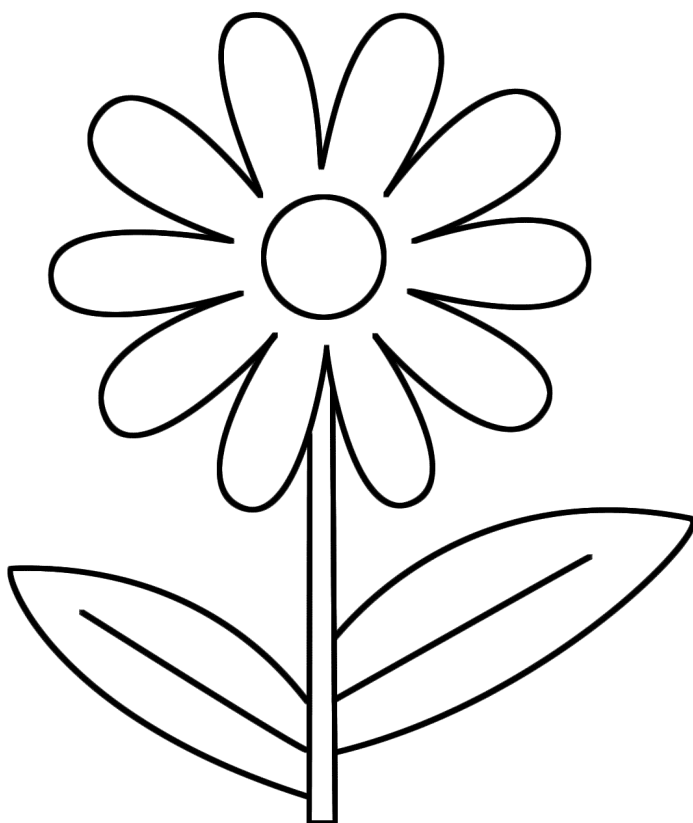
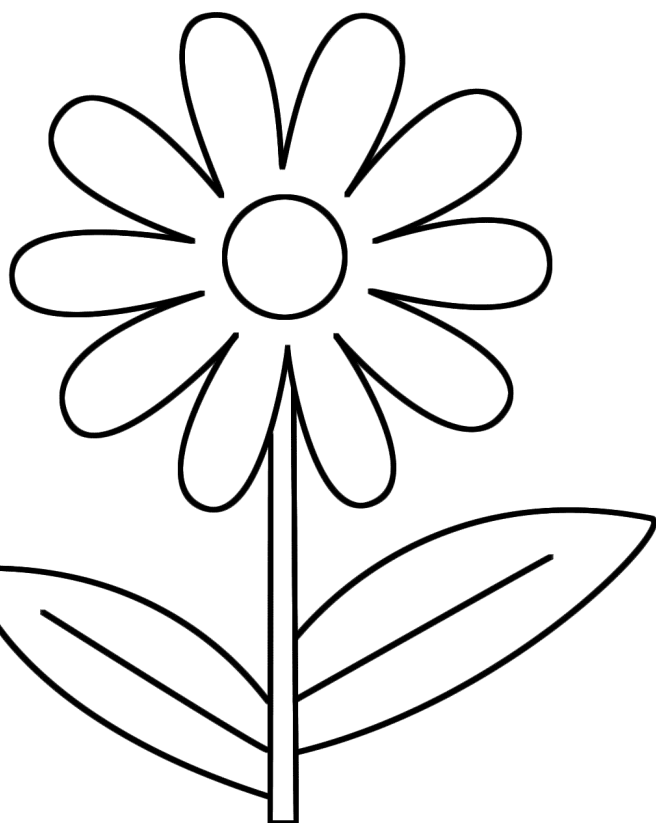
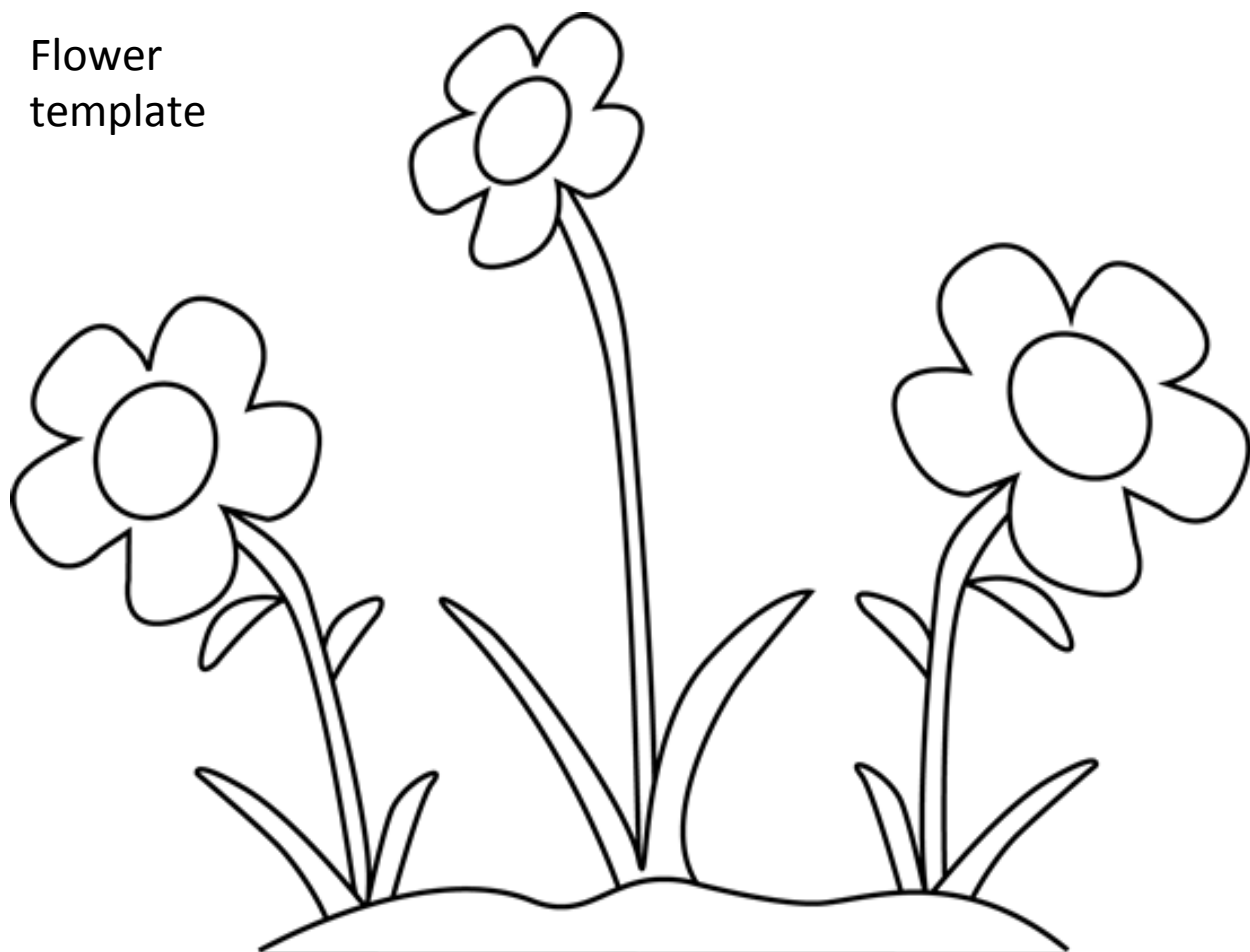
1. Paint your shoe box
2. When dry insert oasis foam
3. Colour and cut out your flowers
4. Glue flowers onto the popsticks
5. Choose your insects from the insect templates
6. Colour them in and glue onto pop sticks.
7. Place your popstick flowers and insects into the oasis foam and there you have your own garden bed!



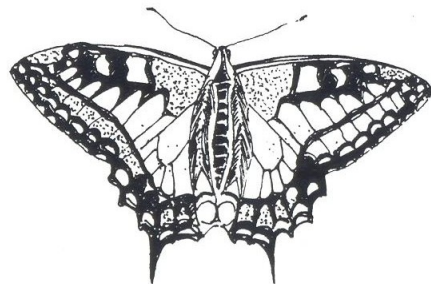
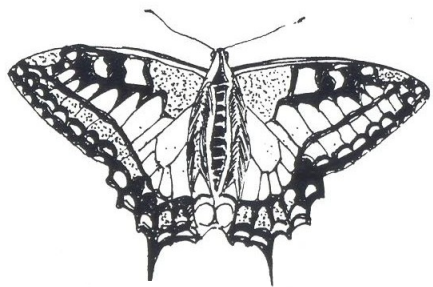
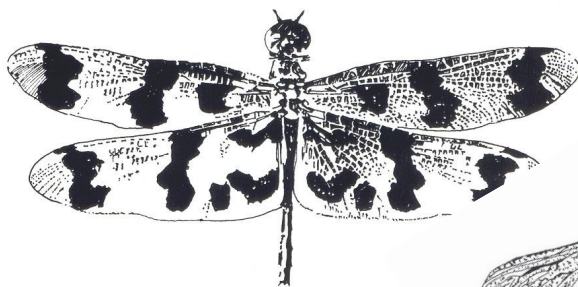
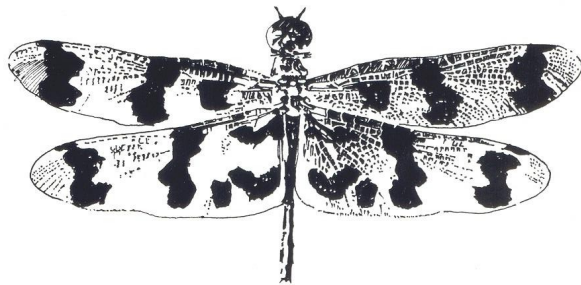
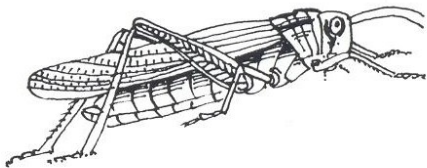
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Flower
template



Insect Templates



There are 6 butterflies.
Can you find them?







NOTES:

Evaluation of your learning Package

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Rate what you thought of the Noongar lessons, circle or colour in the stars that match what you think.

 I didn't like them  It was ok  I liked them a lot

 It was so much fun. Can I do more?

What is something new you learnt?

What did you like about the Lessons and activities?

What didn't you like about the lessons and activities?

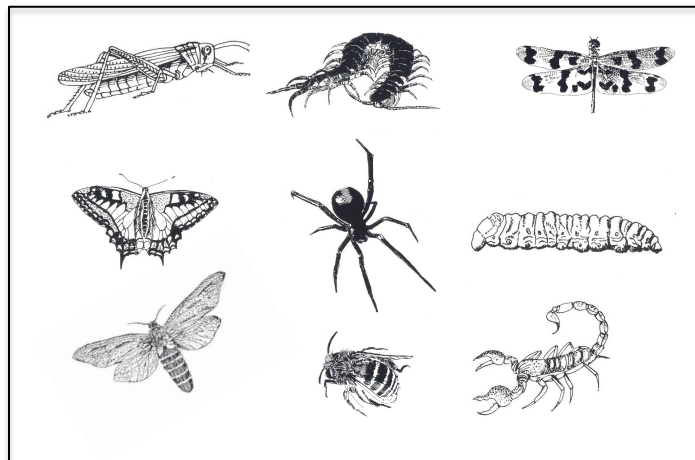
What would you like to do more of?

What would you like to do less of?

Is there anything else you would like to say about what you have learnt so far?



Noongar Minga insect Activity pack



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