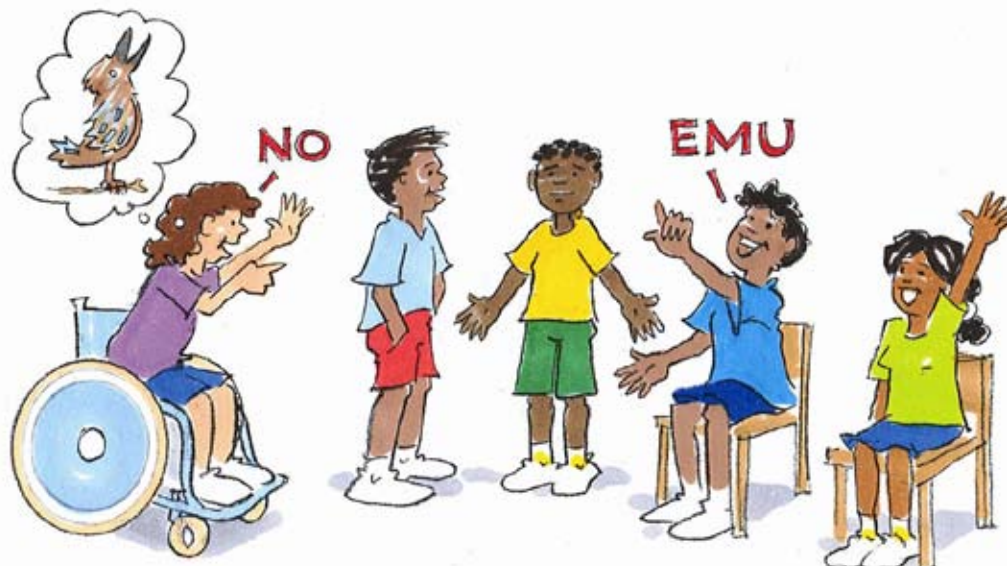




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Wabbyn

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Background

The Injibandi people of Western Australia had many guessing games. *Wabbagunja kambong*, *wabbyn*, *ngabbungee jenarnung*, *kambugenjin* were some of the names of their guessing games.

Guessing games were often played around the campfire after the day's hunting was over. Women might also play these guessing games among themselves while returning from a root-gathering expedition.

Language

In the language of the Noongar people of the Perth area:

Bo'kul wabberding koolongur
There playing are the children.

Short description

This is a game very similar to the 'animal, vegetable and mineral' game known to most children.

Game play and basic rules

- A player who has been away all day on a 'hunting expedition' begins by saying, 'I saw something today, very funny, who can tell me what it was?'
- The guessing continues until the correct guess is made or the players 'give in'. Players take turns.

Comments

- Hints may be provided if players are unable to guess correctly.
- For very young children the game can be played where they recall many of the things they did or saw during the course of the day.