

Native Flora Garden

Student Work Booklet



Acknowledgement of Country



We would like to acknowledge the Gadigal people and all clans of the Eora, Dharug and Dharawal Nations, the traditional custodians of all of Sydney's lands. We pay respects to the Elders of this land, both past, present and future.

Comprehension Task

Using the information you have learnt today, answer the following questions. At the end, show your teacher to mark.

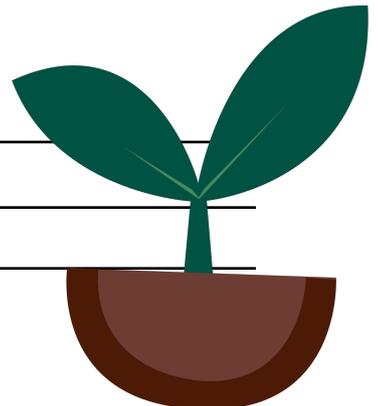
Q1. Why is it important to learn about this topic? _____

Q2. What are two of the medicinal benefits of Eucalyptus? _____

Q3. Why are the growth conditions important to know about a plant?

Q4. Wild currant plants are dioecious. What does this mean?

Q5. Why did Aboriginal people use lemon myrtle tea?



True or False!

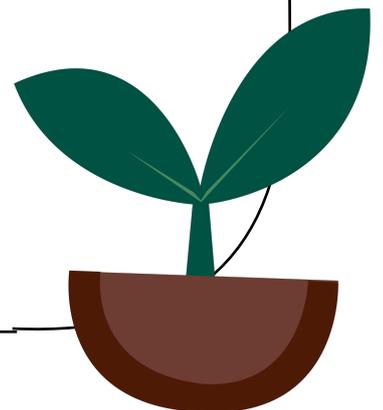
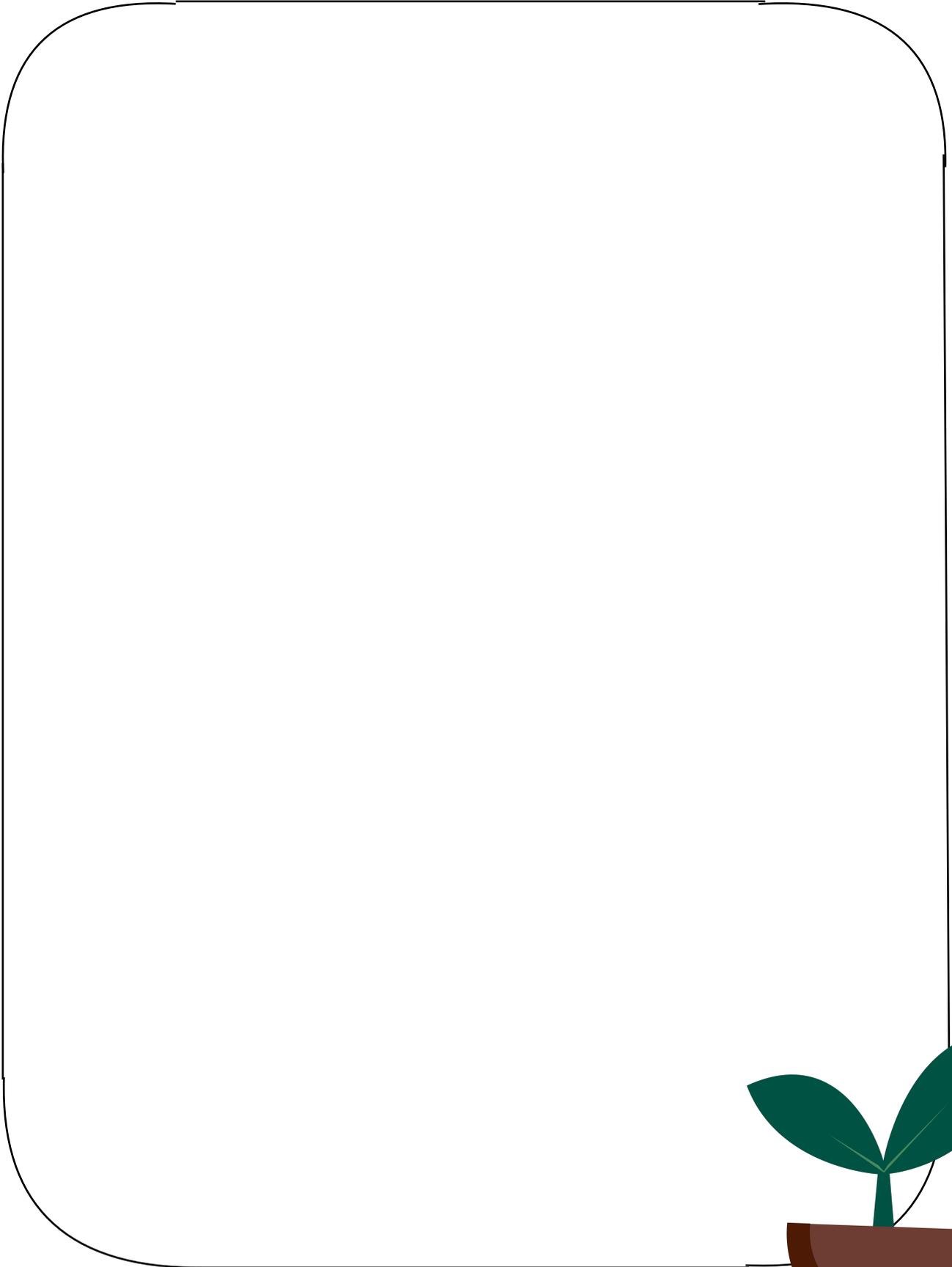
Decide if the below statements are either true or false.



- | | True | False |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Indigenous people hunted for all their food in one area until it was all gone. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Indigenous people had in-depth knowledge about almost all flora and fauna before European settlement. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Warrigal greens were rarely eaten pre-colonisation but can be found all around Sydney beaches today. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Aboriginal people traditionally ate the leaves of Eucalyptus trees. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Drawing Comes to Life!

Using the space below, draw your favourite plant/s from the garden.
(You can use items from the garden to texture your drawing too!)



What's Missing?

Some words escaped and have been found and placed in the box below. It is your job to place them in the correct spots throughout the paragraph below.

80,000

Maintain

Future

Land management

Resources

Connection

Totems

Sustainability

Degradation

The Indigenous people of Australia have lived off the land for over _____ years.

Indigenous people have deep knowledge and _____ to their land and have used this knowledge to _____ and care for the land for thousands of years.

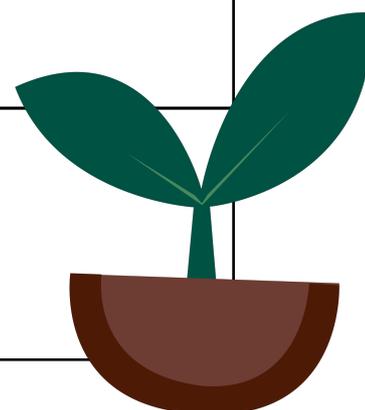
Through practices such as _____ and fire management, Indigenous people ensured conservation of natural _____ and prevented _____ of the land.

Using only what was needed and only what was plentiful meant there was always enough resources for the _____. These practices show us that _____ was the most important part of traditional _____

Fact Sheet

Using your knowledge from what you have learnt today and your teachers and class mates help, fill in the below fact sheet with a fact about the traditional use of 4 plants by Aboriginal people. The first one has been done for you.

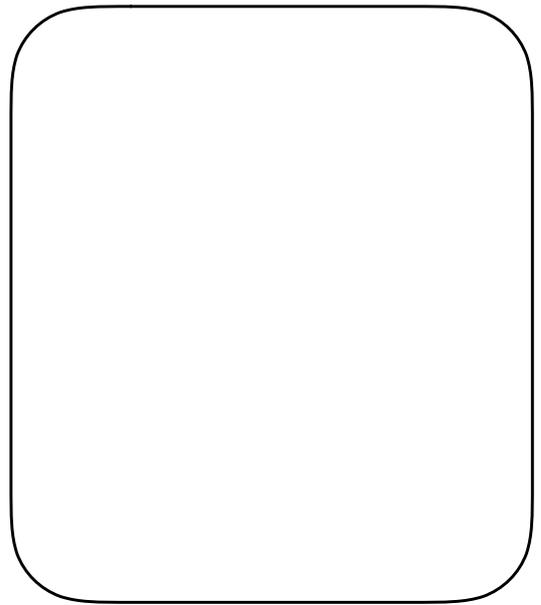
| Plant Name | Plant Fact |
|-------------------|--|
| Lemon Myrtle | Traditionally, Lemon Myrtle leaves were made into a tea for injured or stressed people that would make them fall asleep. |
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My Personal Plant Response

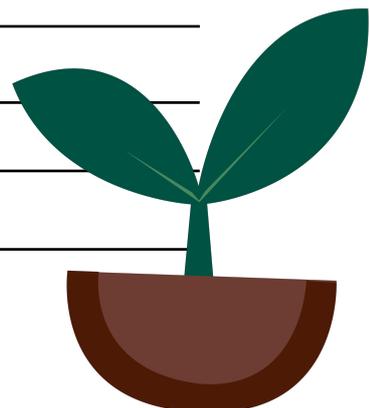
My chosen plant is ...

I chose this plant because...

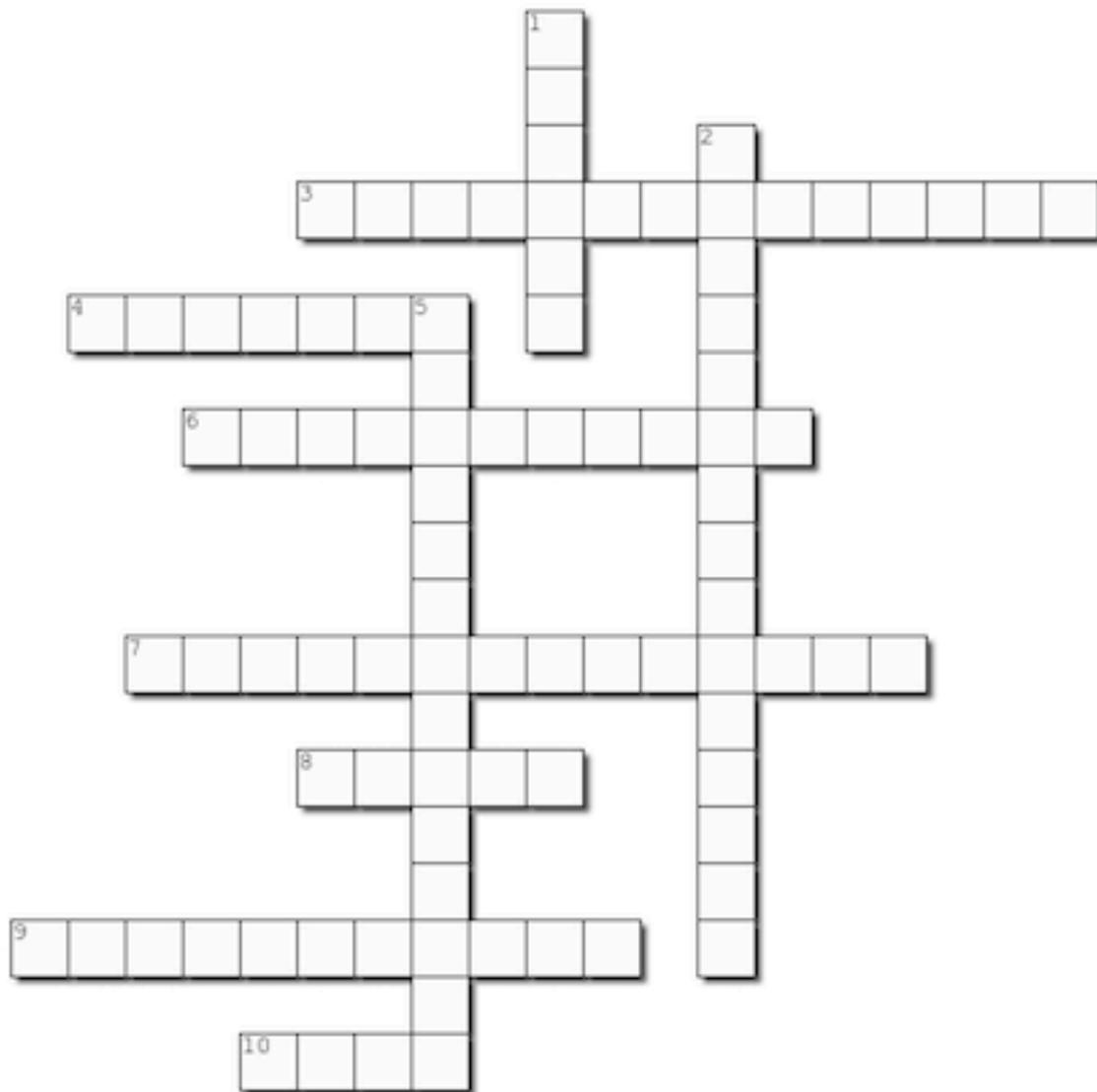


My drawing of my plant

Write 4-5 sentences about your chosen plant



Crossword Puzzle



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

3. Which plant did Captain Cook's crew eat on the homebound journey from Australia?
4. What is the other common name for karkalla?
6. The only plant in the garden whose leaves are inedible
7. The name European settlers gave to native basil
8. Male wild currant plants cannot do what alone?
9. Which plant did Indigenous people burn and use as an insect repellent?
10. Native basil is a mix of basil, mint and what other herb?

Down

1. When plants originate from Australia
2. A common use for this plant today is feeding livestock
5. Which plant can live to be over 250 years old?

Answers page

True or False

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False

What's missing?

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|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 80,000 | 2. connection | 3. maintain |
| 4. totems | 5. resources | 6. degradation |
| 7. future | 8. Sustainability | 9. Land management |

Crossword Puzzle

1. Native
2. Lemon myrtle
3. Five spice plant
4. Wild currant
5. Warrigal greens
6. Pig face
7. Fruit
8. Eucalyptus tree
9. Old man's saltbush
10. Sage