# PRESENTATION ON ABORIGINAL SPEARS

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#### WHAT IS A SPEAR

• Spears made for killing large animals such as kangaroos and buffalo need to be made out of strong hardwood to be able to penetrate through the skin of a large fast-moving animal. the spear was a weapon used in Australia by Aboriginal people for hunting and combat purposes. The spear was made from



### WHAT IS A SPEAR MADE FROM

• Often the spear point was made from stone that was shaped into a point and attached to the spear with resin and string or sinew. (Sinew is a the thing from an animal leg and very strong A spear is strong weapon that the aboriginal people made to kill large animals. Hunting spears are usually made from vine. These vines are not straight but in fact curly. To straighten them the maker dries out the moisture by heating the branch over a small fire while it is still green. While doing this he shapes it into the form that he wants.

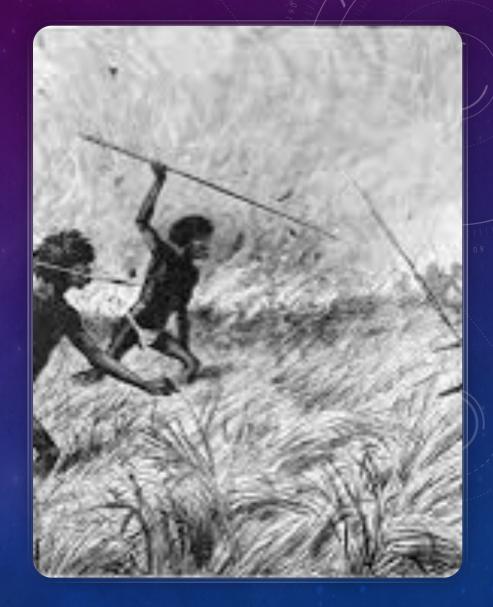


### HOW WAS A SPEAR MADE

• Often the spear point was made from stone that was shaped into a point and attached to the spear with resin and string or sinew. If stone wasn't available, the point could be hardened using a fire. Fishing spears were made from lighter materials and often had several barbed points.

#### WHAT WAS IT USED FOR

• It was designed to penetrate a large animals body because it was a strong, durable and dangerous weapon. The Aboriginal people used the spear for defence and resources like food and fur. Spears have a lot of purposes including hunting, fishing, gathering fruit, fighting? Retribution. Punishment and in ceremony's. When making a spear, Aboriginal men would often use fire to help straighten or harden the wood. Spears made for killing large animals such as kangaroos and buffalo need to be made out of strong hardwood to be able to penetrate through the skin of a large fast-moving animal



## WHAT DO PEOPLE USE TODAY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

Today people use guns to kill big and small animals. The gun has a explosive bullet that when it hits a animal it explodes and led goes in your body and you bleed to death or die from the Led in your body. We also use a spear gun. A band powered speargun works like a crossbow and a slingshot. The gun is loaded by stretching a strong rubber band from the end of the barrel to the back of the spear. When the trigger is pulled the spear is released and the rubber band snaps; propelling the spear forward.





WAS IT USED BY ALL
ABORIGINAL
PEOPLE IN
DIFFERENT
LANGUAGE
GROUPS?

• Yes the aborigines do use the spear in most groups. They use them for different purposes.

One is fishing another one is hunting and self defence from other cultures. Not every culture use the same material to make a spear. Some use special type of vines and trees.