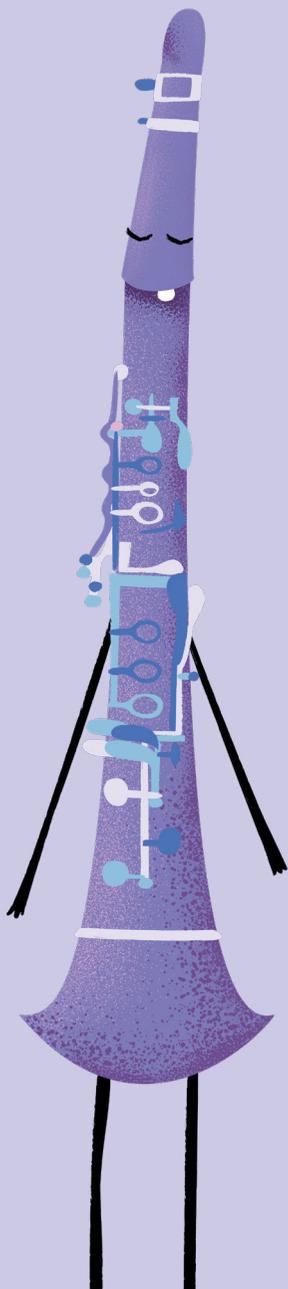




Sounds like Australia

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The land where *Sounds Like Australia* is set is Noongar country.

This land is in the south-west corner of Western Australia, starting from Geraldton on the west coast and stretching down to Esperance on the south coast.

Rottnest Island, off the west coast of WA, is where the podcast begins. Rottnest Island goes by many names; known as *Wadjemup* to the local Noongar people and colloquially known as Rotto.

In the podcast, the main character is Kirra the Quokka! Quokkas are an Australian native animal that can only be found on Rottnest Island. Quokkas have a range of names including *ban-gup*, *bungeup* and *quak-a*.

Sounds of different Australian landscapes

On Kirra's journey, she passes through different types of Australian landscapes including the outback, mountains and city. In the next task, we are going to think about the different sounds of our own environment and see if we can draw what we hear.



Activity 1

Drawing Sounds



Do you think it is possible to draw sound?

1. Close your eyes and concentrate on your breathing until everything becomes very still and quiet. Listen to your breath as it moves effortlessly in and out, over and over again.
2. Keep listening until you begin to notice other sounds around you.
3. Listen to as many different noises as you can. Listen to the sounds in the room, inside your mind, in your body, above the roof and under the ground. Stretch your ears as far as you can to hear the furthest, quietest, tiniest far away sounds. Listen to your own heartbeat.
4. Now use different types of coloured lines to draw the different sounds you hear. Keep your eyes closed while you are drawing. Dotty, curly, curvy, jagged, straight, stretched, stumbling, squiggly, soft, rough, pressed, light, long, limp, wavy or wild. Draw as many different kinds of lines as you possibly can!
5. Open your eyes and have a look at your artwork. What kind of sounds were you able to draw?