

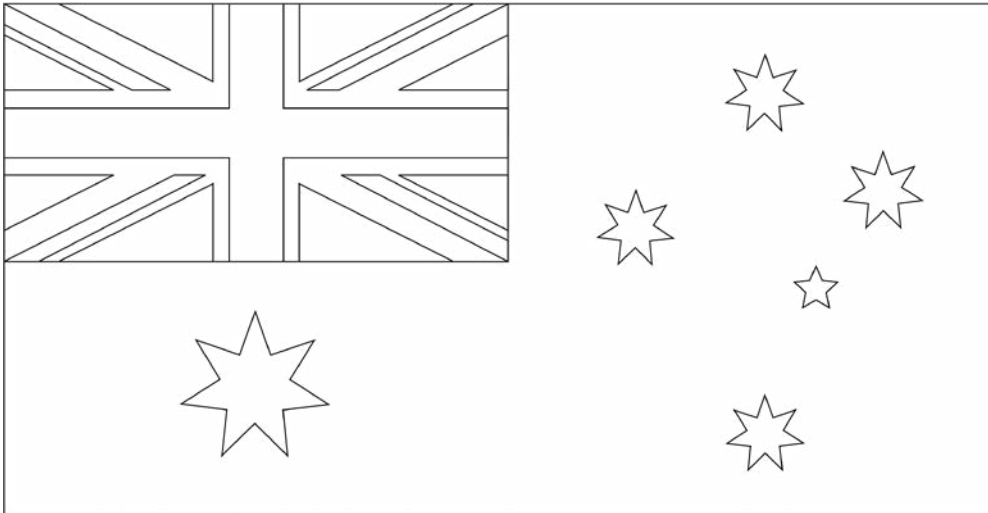
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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG

Colour the Australian National Flag correctly.



SYMBOLS

Flags have symbols with special meanings. The Australian National Flag has three main symbols. Read the description of the flag symbols. Write the name of each symbol. Draw the symbols.

Symbols: Union Jack, Commonwealth Star, Southern Cross



Description	Symbol	Drawing
A seven-pointed star that represents the states and territories of Australia. It is sometimes called the Federation Star.		
A combination of three crosses, it is the flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It acknowledges the history of British settlement in Australia.		
A group of stars that can be easily seen in the night skies of the Southern Hemisphere. It has four seven-pointed stars arranged in a cross, and a smaller five-pointed star.		

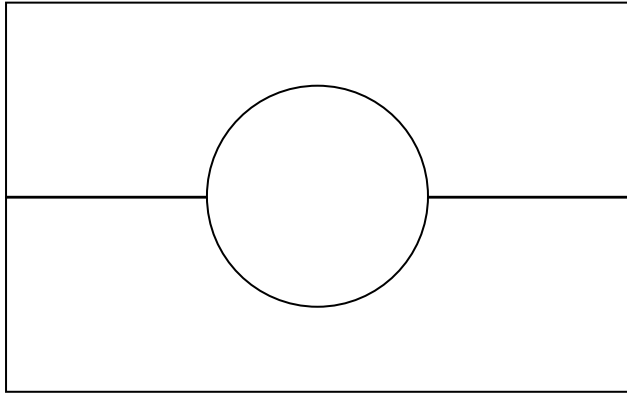
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AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL FLAG

Colour the circle yellow. Colour the bottom half of the rectangle red. Colour the top half of the rectangle black.

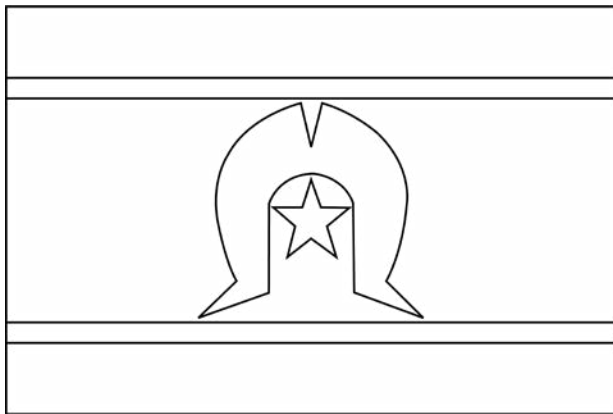


Finish the sentences by writing the correct colour in the spaces.

The _____ symbolises the
Aboriginal people. The _____
represents the earth. The circle of
_____ represents the sun.

TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG

Colour the top and bottom stripes in green. Colour the two thin stripes in black. Colour the middle section in blue but leave the Dhari (headdress) and star white.



Finish the sentences by writing the correct colour in the spaces.

The top and bottom panels are _____
which represents the land.
The _____ represents the sea.
The _____ symbolises
the people. The _____ Dhari
is a symbol for all Torres Strait Islanders. The
_____ star represents peace.

DESIGN YOUR SCHOOL FLAG

You have been asked to design a flag that can be used to represent the school at official events. What symbols would you use on your flag and why? What colours would you choose and why?

Use this flag outline to design your school flag.



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Why did you choose these colours and symbols for your flag design?

Compare your flag with your classmates. Why might you have chosen different colours and symbols?

Did you know?

More than two-thirds of the world's national flags have symbols, mostly stars, shields, crosses, suns and moons.

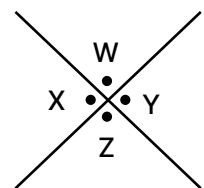
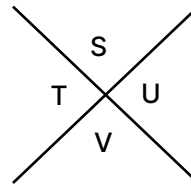
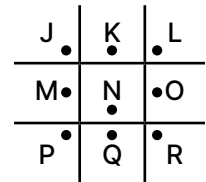
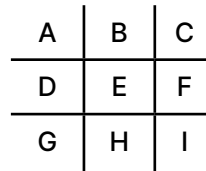
FLAG PROTOCOLS

This is a pigpen code cracker. Look at the shape of the borders around each letter. The letter **A** has a border on the bottom and on the right side.

The letter **A** in pigpen code is: 

Some letters have a dot. The letter **J** is in the same position as an **A** but has a dot in it.

The letter **J** in pigpen code is: 



Use the pigpen code to decipher the important message about how to handle the Australian National Flag.

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Why do you think we have this rule?

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Choose activities from the grid. Activities with a star ★ might take a bit longer.

ENGLISH	MATHS & SCIENCE	THE ARTS	RESEARCH
<p>Vast Vocabulary</p> <p>Find out the difference between <i>flags</i>, <i>ensigns</i> and <i>pennants</i>. Create a card for each word. Put the word in the middle, then draw or write a definition, characteristics, an example and a non-example.</p>	<p>Star Geometry</p> <p>One of the stars in the Southern Cross symbol has five points. Can you draw a five-pointed star? Can you draw a five pointed star without taking your pencil off the page?</p>	<p>Ochre</p> <p>The red of the Australian Aboriginal Flag symbolises the land and the colour ochre used in Indigenous art. Make your own ochre by crushing soft yellow, red and brown rocks and mixing them with water. Use it to paint a picture.</p>	<p>Australian Red Ensign</p> <p>What is the Australian red ensign? Find out about its history and how it is used today.</p>
<p>Mind's Eye</p> <p>Can you picture the Australian National Flag in your mind? Without looking at the flag, write a detailed description of each symbol and colour. Draw the flag from your memory.</p>	<p>Pulley System</p> <p>Flags are raised and lowered on a flagpole using a simple pulley system. Find out about how pulleys work. Use every day materials to make your own working flagpole pulley.</p>	<p>Spot the Difference</p> <p>The national flags of New Zealand, Brazil, Samoa and Papua New Guinea also include the Southern Cross. But they are not all the same. Re-draw each version and label the differences.</p>	<p>Flag Designers</p> <p>Find out about the artists who designed the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag. Write a short biography for each artist or create a timeline of their lives.</p>
<p>Pigpen Protocols</p> <p>Use the pigpen code to write another rule about using the Australian National Flag. See if someone else can decipher your code.</p>	<p>Making a Point</p> <p>How many star points are there on the Australian National Flag? Can you write a number sentence to show how you could calculate it?</p>	<p>Greek Alphabet</p> <p>The stars in the Southern Cross are named after Greek letters: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon. Find out how these symbols are written. Practise writing each letter.</p>	<p>The Union Jack</p> <p>The Union Jack is made up of three different crosses. Find out about each cross and how they have been combined.</p>
<p>★ Fly the Flag</p> <p>Read the rules for flying and handling the Australian National Flag. Write each rule in your own words. Make a flag instruction mini book explaining how to treat the flag with respect.</p>	<p>★ Navigation Stars</p> <p>Find out how to use the Southern Cross to locate the direction of south. Test it out at home using a compass. Tip – most phones have a compass app.</p>	<p>★ Mural Design</p> <p>In the story, the school has a mural. A mural is a painting on a wall or ceiling. Design a mural showing the Australian National Flag. Use chalk to draw your mural on a wall or pathway.</p>	<p>★ State Flags</p> <p>Research the flags of the states and territories of Australia. What are their symbols? What do they represent? Create a set of cards with a picture of the flag on one side and information on the other.</p>