



#C Term 3 - Lesson 23

Aboriginal Signs - Grade 2

The Victorian Curriculum (F - 2) Strand: Understanding, Sub-strand: Language Awareness (VCASFU143) Strand: Understanding, Sub-strand: Role of Language and Culture (VCASFU144)	The Australian Curriculum (V9 1 - 2) Strand: Understanding language and culture, Sub-strand: Understanding the interrelationships of language, culture and identity (AC9L2AU2U04)
NSW Syllabus Code(s): Role of Language, Culture and Identity: Language and cultural awareness (AU1-RLC-01)	

Preparation prior to the lesson	Teachers find the video ‘ Yolngu Sign Language by Henry Dhawuti ’ (MatrixIT), on the internet/YouTube, and have it ready for students to view and discuss. (Aboriginal sign language). Find a picture of a dugong online to show the students.
Learning Intention	I will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn some Auslan Signs related to and used by our First Nations people.
Success Criteria	I can <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize (see & know) the signs taught. Correctly sign some signs related to our First Nations people.

Time	Teacher	Resources
5 mins	Set up the video to watch. Students seated on the floor.	
5 mins	<p>Introduction: Introduce the topic - Aboriginal Signs</p> <p>Daniel McDonald tells us about his family history and teaches us some Auslan signs related to our First Nations people. These are culturally appropriate signs used when signing about aboriginal topics.</p> <p>Notice the difference between the signs for Australia. This new sign is used mostly by aboriginal people.</p> <p>(Start of Lesson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and discuss the Learning Intention and Success Criteria. • Check for understanding, clarifying vocabulary as necessary. 	
10 mins	<p>Explicit Teaching: Watch the video</p> <p>Use teacher discretion to decide if the class needs to watch any part of the video a second time.</p> <p>Signs taught this lesson: Aboriginal, Indigenous, First people Nation, Uluru, Welcome Country, Acknowledgement Country, Australia.</p>	Lesson 23 video
5 mins	<p>Explanation of Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice the signs taught together. • Discuss how you saw some Aboriginal signs in the lesson that differ from Auslan. • Watch the short video 'Yolngu Sign Language by Henry Dhawuti' (MatrixIT) which shows some other signs from the Aboriginal sign language. Do some signs with Henry when you are watching. Replay the video if necessary. There are family member signs, animal signs and a couple of others. Discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are any of these signs similar or different to Auslan signs you know? - Are they 'iconic' (look like what they represent)? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Think about the sign for 'sister' and 'brother'. Why do you think the sign was like that? (short pants that children wear? or short size for small/young?) 	
15 mins	<p>Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice the signs taught together. • Watch the video showing other aboriginal signs/'hand talk'. Join in with Henry Discuss (as above) 	
5 mins	<p>Reflection with Students: (Select from the following options)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were you surprised that Aboriginal signs 'Hand talk' differs from Auslan? • It's another sign language like any other in the world. • Did you have a favourite sign? Why did you like this one? • What is a dugong (check on the internet) and why might they have been important to Aboriginal people? (for food) • Show some signs that you learnt today that you might share with your family. 	