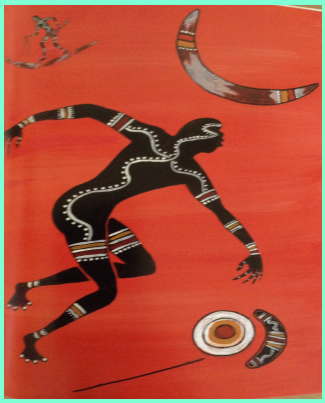
Exploring the structure on the second read:-

LO: To organise events from the story in chronological order

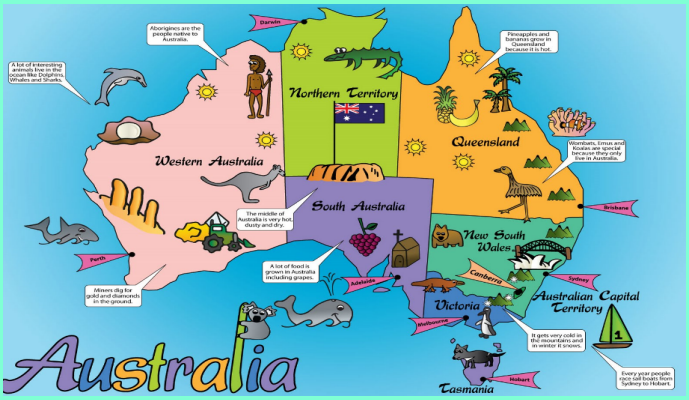






We do

Can you recall five facts about Australia?
Write your facts on your whiteboard and show me.
Tell your partner. Tell me what your partner said.



Read the text out loud with your partner. Rearrange into chronological order:



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Years and years passed but the boomerang still didn't return to the Lizard-Man.

One family that the Lizard-Man met didn't know what a boomerang was.

It is believed that the great numbers of lizards living in the caves at Uluru are the spiritual descendants of the Lizard-Man.

One of the beings of Dreamtime was the Lizard-Man (Alinga).

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Great boulders lie on the beds of the billabongs – these are the bodies of the evil bunyips which attacked Alinga!

Read the text out loud with your partner.

Remember:

use your reading ruler

look at your partner when they are reading

sit still

help your partner if they are stuck on a word

read to your partner in a voice that only they can hear

	Glossary
boulder	A large rounded rock.
sinew	A piece of tough fibrous tissue uniting muscle to bone; a tendon or ligament.
billabong	A waterhole, pond, or any place where a fair amount of water collects and lies undisturbed.
dingoes	Wild dog believed to be descended from the domestic dogs brought to Australia by Aboriginal people tens of thousands years ago.
outback	Remote and usually uninhabited inland districts of Australia.
cockatoos	A species of parrot-like birds. They have a decorative crest/growth of feathers.
Spinifex	A short, tough, spiny grass found in Australia's deserts and plains. It can exist in sand, drought and unbelievably harsh conditions, putting down roots 9 metres long in search of water.

Alinga, the Lizard-Man, was one of the beings of the Dreamtime – the time when Aboriginal people believe the world was created. He was a mighty warrior. His favourite weapon was the boomerang. He could throw a boomerang so far, it sometimes took days to return.

One day, Alinga decided to make a special boomerang, throw it as far as he could, and see how long it took to come back.

He gathered together the branches of eucalypt trees, and laid them out in a great half circle. Then, with the sinews of kangaroos' tails, he tied the branches together. He collected the seeds of spinifex grass. Then he made fire, and melted the seeds until they turned into a sort of sticky glue. With this glue he sealed up the cracks and crevices in the boomerang he was creating. Finally, he polished it with the wax of wild bees.

At last the great boomerang was ready. Alinga flexed his muscles. He drew back his arm, and with all his strength flung the boomerang high into the sky. With a great *whrrrrrrrr*, like a flight of cockatoos, it disappeared over the mountains.

Alinga waited for it to return. He waited patiently, hour after hour. The hours turned into days. The days turned into weeks. The weeks turned into months. The months turned into years. And still there was no sign of the boomerang.

Alinga decided to go and look for it.

He climbed the mountains, and set out across the desert. Whenever he met anyone he asked them if they had seen his boomerang. But no-one had.

One day, he met a family who didn't know what a boomerang was. He showed them how to make one, and how to throw it. Then he set off once again on his journey.

He journeyed across great deserts, over high mountains, and through dark rainforests. He journeyed on and on and on, year after year after year. But he couldn't find his boomerang.

He had many adventures.

Sometimes at night, when he felt cold, he made a camp fire. Today, at these places, you will find coal.

More than once, as he passed by a billabong, he was attacked by evil bunyips. They fought. And today, at these places, you will find the bodies of the bunyips turned into great boulders lying on the beds of the billabongs.

More than once, as he crossed the plains, he was attacked by giant wild dingoes. They fought. And today, at these places, you will find the bodies of the dingoes turned into the huge rock formations that lie scattered across the outback.

He was not far from Kata Tjuta (the great rocks known sometimes as the Olgas) when he saw in the distance a huge red dome, rising out of the desert. It was shaped like an enormous boomerang.

As he neared it, Alinga saw it really *was* a boomerang: his special boomerang, which had crashed into the desert, and, over the years, had been covered with layer after layer of dust and sand, until it turned into a huge, red block of rock.

Alinga was delighted to see his boomerang again. He took hold of it and tried to lift it. But it was too heavy. For days, he struggled to raise it. Where his fingers dug into the rock, gulleys and caves were formed – you can see them to this day. But the boomerang

was embedded too deep. Not even the mighty Lizard-Man could move it.

Alinga didn't want to be parted from his boomerang, so he settled down to live beside it. It is said that he performed many great feats while living beside his boomerang in the desert.

It is also said that the great numbers of lizards now living in the caves at the foot of the big red rock known as Uluru are the spiritual descendants of Alinga the Lizard-Man.

Rearrange into chronological order: Scan the text to find key words.



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Read out your answers.



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