

# Interview with Aborigines researcher Elle Taurins by Ugne, Neda and Migele, 6C

Interview with Elle Taurins (liet. Eglė Taurinskaitė), who agreed to tell our class about the Australian Aborigines. Elle is a researcher and lived with Aborigines for two years.



Elle Taurins

## Questions & Answers

Q: How much time the Aborigines are living in Australia?

A: They are living in Australia for over 50 000 years. They are the oldest existing tribe in the world which is fostering the oldest culture and traditions.

Q: Did Aborigines always have the rights to the Australian nationality?

A: The Aborigines did not have the rights to Australian nationality until 1967.

Q: Do they have their own flag?

A: Yes, they do. But it was recognized only in 1995.



Q: Do

Aborigines speak many languages?

A: Until 1778 they were speaking 350 languages and 750 dialects. But now they are speaking only 130 languages.

Q: Do Aborigines have their own writing?

A: They have symbols which they are drawing on the sand. Each symbol has its meaning.

They are very intelligent people and they believe that the grades are not important as the joy of learning is.

If one Aborigine has a bank card, all Aborigines know its Pin Code because they don't want to be rich. They are sharing everything among themselves.

Now a lot of Aborigines are studying English at schools.

Q: What is the most popular Aborigines instrument?

A: It is Didgeridoo. And it is very popular in whole Australia now.



Q: What seasons are in Australia?

A: According to the Aborigines, there are only two seasons in Australia: wet and dry.

Q: How do Aborigines survive in the deserts?

A: They have their own ways to find water inherited from their ancestors.

Famous Aboriginal people:

1. Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu is an Indigenous Australian musician, who sings in the Yolngu language. He was born blind and never learned the Braille and does not have a guide dog or use a white cane.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8-YMpYbRqY>



2. William Barton is an Australian Aboriginal didgeridoo player.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex7yNsaIT8s>



3. Evonne Goolagong Cawley is an Australian former World No. 1 female tennis player.



4. Albert Namatjira (Elea is his birth name) was the first Aboriginal person to become an internationally renowned artist.

