

## Animations

### Culture – telling your story



These girls have used their clay-mations (clay animations) as a way of telling stories.

**1** Circle ways that you like telling stories.

write a short story

act out a story

paint a story

tell jokes

make a short film

tell stories with your friends

use dance to tell a story

write and perform a song

write a poem

sing

- 2** Stories have been used to pass on information throughout Indigenous cultures. Fill in the gaps in this text from the words in the box below.

Indigenous \_\_\_\_\_ connect the past and the future by carrying stories across \_\_\_\_\_.

Stories explain the behaviour of animals, \_\_\_\_\_ and insects in certain seasons. This information is used to \_\_\_\_\_ how creatures feed and how to track them when out hunting for food. They explain which berries and fruits are \_\_\_\_\_ to eat and when they are ripe for harvesting.

People told stories to \_\_\_\_\_ important stars, which could help them navigate their way around the country, helping them \_\_\_\_\_ when in unfamiliar territory. There were space \_\_\_\_\_, which explained the arrival of showers of meteorites from outer space.

All the stories had to be \_\_\_\_\_, so that Aboriginal storytellers could hold the \_\_\_\_\_ of their audience. In this way, the storyteller custodian holds a highly \_\_\_\_\_ place in Aboriginal society.

learn

survive

birds

entertaining

attention

generations

storytellers

respected

identify

safe

stories

**3** List the ways that people have passed on stories about the past.

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**4** A good storyteller has to be entertaining as well as knowledgeable.  
Circle the things that make you a good storyteller.

confident body language

use a strong, loud voice

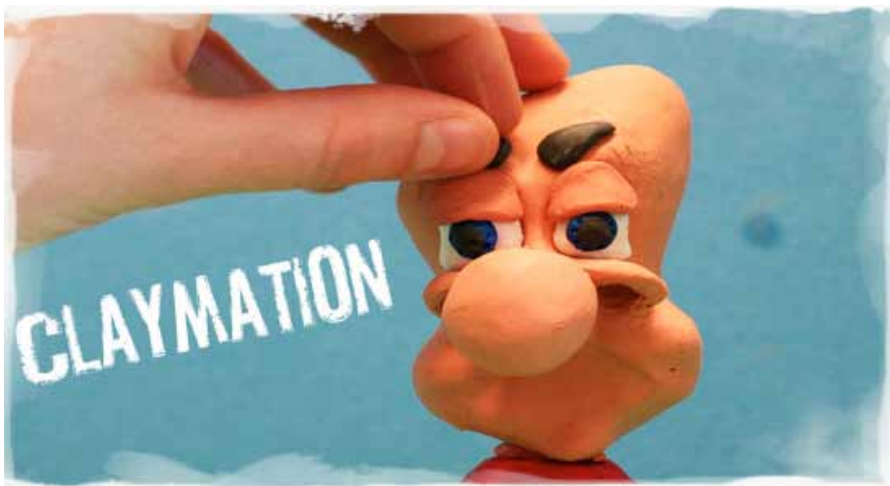
able to change the pitch and tone of the voice

change the pace of the story

use different voices

use facial and hand gestures

speak clearly



**5** A storyboard is like a comic that is used to show the sequence and camera shots of a story. Use the storyboard below to tell an exciting story.
