

Marngithirr Yolŋu Matha: Djambarrpuyŋuw

Learning Yolŋu Matha: Djambarrpuyŋu

- Nhämirr nhe?**
How are you?
- Manymak / yaka manymak.**
Good / not so good.
- Nhä nhe mälk?**
What is your skin name?
- Ŋarra mälk Galikali.**
My skin name is Galikali.
- Yol nhe yäku?**
What's your name?
- Ŋarra yäku Angela.**
My name is Angela.
- Wanhaŋuwuy nhe?**
Where are you from?
- Ŋarra dhuwal Darwin-buy.**
I'm from Darwin.
- Yol nhuŋu gurruŋumirr?**
Who is your family?
- Nhuŋu djamarrkuŋi ga nhina?**
Do you have children?
- Nhaltjan ŋarra dhu gurpan
nhunany gurruŋu?**
What (kinship term) should I call you?
- Yolku dhuwal wäŋa?**
Whose country is this?
- Nhä dhuwal?**
What's this?
- Yol ŋayi dhuwal?**
Who is this?
- Wanha ŋayi?**
Where is he / she?
- Wäŋaŋur / djämaŋur.**
At home / at work.
- Nhäkurr nhe ga mardtji?**
Where are you going?
- Wäŋalil / shop-lil / djämälil.**
Home / to the shop / to work.
- Nhe ga djälthirr dew / gopiw?
Ŋamun'kurrmirr ga djuwitmirr?**
Do you want tea / coffee?
With milk and sugar?
- Nhe ga djälthirr ŋathaw?**
Do you want food?
- Nhe dhu gungga'yun ŋarrany dhiyak?**
Can you help me with this?
- Nhaltjan nhe ga guyaŋa?**
What do you think?
- Nhä manymaktja dhukarr
dhiyak djämaw?**
What's a good way to do this work?
- Bulu waŋi yurr ganga.**
Say it again but slowly.
- Dhuŋa ŋarra. / Yaka ŋarra marŋgi.**
I'm not sure / I don't know.
- Nhaltjan nhe ga waŋa?**
What are you talking about? / What are you saying?
- yolŋu**
Yolŋu person / Aboriginal person / person
- yow**
yes
- yaka / bäyŋu**
no / nothing
- miyalk**
woman
- dirramu**
man
- yothu**
child

