#### Gold at Pilbara Creek – Pansy's story

When I was a little girl my family lived in a spinifex house called a mia, and we slept on a spinifex bed.

We lived at Pilbara Creek - all my family, my father and mother, my brothers and sisters.

In the morning we would get up and go to look for gold.

We went to the little gullies and looked for gold on the ground and in the dirt.

My father and mother used a yandy, a special dish to get the gold out of the dirt.

My brother and sisters and I looked for little pieces of gold and we put them in an old tobacco tin.

When my family collected a heavy weight of gold, my father took it to a shop at Pilbara Creek, got money for it and bought tucker, blankets and clothes.

It was a good happy life.





**spinifex** is a tough, spiky grass, which grows in the desert in Central Australia

Pilbara Creek is in the north-west of Western Australia

tucker is a slang word for food

# Activities

# Draw a line to join the next part of the sentence with its beginning.

When I was a little girl	and looked for gold
We lived at Pilbara Creek -	my family lived in a spinifex house
We went to the little gullies	looked for little pieces of gold
My father and mother	all my family, my father and mother
My brother and sisters and I	a heavy weight of gold
When my family collected	good happy life
It was a	used a yandy

# Can you answer these questions about the story?

Who wrote this story?
What was her house called?
What was her bed made from?
Where did they live?
What did they look for?
When did they go looking for it?
Where did they look?
What kind of tin did they put it in?
Where did the father take it?
What did he get for it?
What did he buy?
Do you think Pansy is indigenous? Yes Maybe No Tell your tutor the reasons why you think this (Find more reasons than just the photo!)

### Answer these True or False questions:

Pansy was an only child.	True	False
They put the gold in a tobacco tin.	True	False
They looked for gold in the evening.	True	False
They looked for gold on the ground.	True	False
They looked for gold in the dirt.	True	False

#### Look, Say Cover, Write, Check

Look at the word. Say the word. Write the word. Check your spelling.

Practise spelling these words:

Word	Your spelling	Tick if correct?
slept		
lived		
looked		
bought		
when		
heavy		
weight		
ground		
special		
clothes		



A traditional aboriginal mia