

YOUR NAME:

REGISTRATION #

(10 points)

N. Waanyi (1/3)

Waanyi is an Australian language that used to be spoken south of the Gulf of Carpentaria in country that straddles the border between the state of Queensland and the Northern Territory. Few fluent speakers remain and our knowledge of this language relies mainly on audio recordings made between the 1960s and 2008. The following is a transcribed and translated story told by a Waanyi speaker.

1	Karrinja nyulu kirriya barrawunu.	The woman is standing in the house.
2	Jungku nyulu bururri kundana.	The man is sitting under a tree.
3	Jungku bula nawunu rajini.	They are here in the camp.
4	Dabarraba nyulu waliji, nangkani bururrii.	This man is cooking meat.
5	Balikajba nyulu, walijiyanyi, nana kirriya.	She is hungry for meat, that woman.
6	Nayi bururri, lalujbu nyulu.	This man, he gets up.
7	Kanungku barri nyulu jilaba kirriyawurru.	He then goes up to the woman.
8	Wijbi barri nyulu kirriya walijiyanyi jangkaranyiyanyi, karrinjawurru.	Then he gives some cooked meat to the woman who's standing.
9	Nanangkani kirriyaa, nanganja barri nyulu manii nana waliji bururrianja.	That woman, she then takes that meat with her hand from the man.
10	Jarrba barri nyulu, balikajini, nanangkani kirriyaa, nana waliji, karrinjana nanawunu barrawunu.	Then that woman hungrily eats that meat, standing there in the house.
11	Jawikajba barri nyulu bururri: Ninji, wanyi ninji jarrba?	She then asks the man. What are you eating?
12	Budangu ngawu jarrba jalanya.	I'm not eating now.
13	Jilakanyi ngawu kakuwanyi nanganjaanyi. Karubuyanyba ngawu.	I'll go and catch some fish. I'm going fishing.
14	Wunjuku ninji jilaba?	Where are you going?
15	Kularra ngawu jilaba, nanangkurru manangkawurru.	I'm going south, to that river.
16	Ngabungabu, malijibi nyulu kirriyaa, banjana nyulu jilaba.	Late afternoon, the woman followed him, she went after.
17	Najba barri nyulu, bururri, jungkuwurru, karubuyanykurru.	Then she saw the man sitting fishing.
18	Manangkana nyulu jungku, nana bururri.	That man was sitting by the river.
19	Najba nyulu kirriya, kanungkuwurru.	He saw the woman approaching.
20	Kawa! Jilanji nangkurru.	Come! Come here!

(Continued on Next Page)

YOUR NAME:

REGISTRATION #

N. Waanyi (2/3)

21	Jawikajba nyulu burruurri kanungkunu.	She asked the man as she approached.
22	Kaku ninji nanganja?	Have you caught any fish?
23	Budangu ngawu kakuwany.	I've got no fish.
24	Budangu nayi kakuwany.	There's no fish here.
25	Ngamuyu-kiya ninji nanganja kaku nawunu. Kaja.	I thought you would have caught fish here. Lots.
26	Yanyba nyulu nangangi.	He said to her:
27	Najba ngawu kaku nawunu wanamini, bilikijawurru, bungkuna.	I saw fish swimming here in the water yesterday.
28	Budangu yalu balikajba walijiyanyi jalanya.	They are not hungry for meat right now.
29	Ngadijbi yaluwangka bulinjana.	They are hiding in the water-grass.
30	Rajiwurru barri bula kannga, budangu kakuwany.	They both returned home, without any fish.
31	Balikajini bula kannga rajiwurru, kirriya, burruurri.	They both return home hungry – the woman (and) the man.

N-I Translate these Waanyi sentences into English:

1. Jungku ngawu rajini.

2. Jawikajba barri bula nayi burruurri.

3. Budangu ngawu balikajba jalanya.



YOUR NAME:

REGISTRATION #

N. Waanyi (3/3)

N-2 Translate these English sentences into Waanyi:

4. The man and the woman are sitting here.

5. That woman eats fish.

6. This man cooks that meat standing under a tree.

N-3 Explain your answers to N-1 and N2 here.

