The Bush Books

Book 4
**WORD LIST**

The vocabulary of this book consists of 167 words, 89 of which are introduced for the first time. Words used in Books 1, 2, and 3 are printed in italics.

The page and form in which each word first appears is indicated. Any variation of words not involving a change in the stem are not listed. Changes in the form of words used in previous books are listed as repeat words. Changes in the stem of words used in previous books are listed as new.

2. **Nari**
   - my
   - name
   - is
   - I
   - am
   - running
   - to
   - school
   - all
   - the
   - boys
   - go
   - there
   - are
   - book
   - at
   - in
   - morning
   - and
   - pencil
   - toy
   - truck

3. **girls**
   - table
   - chair
   - shower
   - Minala
   - walking

4. **time**
   - teacher
   - says
   - good
   - it
   - here
   - towel
   - soap
   - they
   - splash
   - water
   - of
   - get
   - this
   - shirt
   - no
   - that
   - Tom
   - your
   - under
   - trouser
   - put
   - on
   - for
   - come
   - dry
   - has
   - a
   - yellow

5. **Jorna**
   - quickly
   - cannot
   - see
   - red
   - dress
   - blue
   - give
   - he
   - six
   - big
   - schoolroom
   - into

6. **her**
   - sit
   - write
   - four
   - baby
   - brolga
   - bush
   - ball
   - then
   - you
   - draw
   - kangaroo
   - goanna
   - yes
   - funny

(Continued on inside back cover.)
This book is the fourth of a series of six primers prepared especially to meet the needs of aboriginal children in Northern Territory native schools. They are the result of two years of experience and research on the techniques of beginning reading in this particular environment.

It is expected that before children begin work on the first book, they will have at least a year's instruction in oral English and in pre-reading exercises.

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My name is Nari.
I am running to school.
All the boys go to school in the morning.
There are books and pencils at the school.
There are toy trucks at the school.
Minala.

My name is Minala.
I am walking to school.
All the girls go to school in the morning.
There are tables and chairs at the school.
There are showers at the school.
Shower Time.

The boys and girls are at school. The teacher says, "Good morning." Nari says, "Good morning." "It is shower time," says the teacher. "Here are the towels and soap." The boys go to the showers. They splash in the water.
The boys get out of the showers.

“This is my shirt,” says Nari.

“No, that is my shirt,” says Tom.

“Your shirt is under your trousers.”

The boys put on the shirts and trousers.

“Come,” says the teacher.

“It is time for school.”

“Come on, Tom,” says Nari.

“It is time for school.”
The girls are at the showers. Minala has a yellow towel. Jorna is under the shower. "Quickly, Jorna," says Minala. "It is time for school." "I cannot see the towel," says Jorna. "Here it is," says Minala. "Good," says Jorna. "It is a dry towel."
Minala puts on her red dress. Jorna puts on her blue dress. They give the towels to the teacher. He has six big towels.

“Come quickly,” says the teacher. “The boys are in the schoolroom.” The girls go into the schoolroom.
In School.

The teacher says,
"Sit on your chair, Nari.
Sit at your table, Tom.
This is your book and
this is your pencil, Nari.
Here are your book and pencil, Tom.
Nari, write your name on your book."
The teacher says,

"Boys, write four names in your books. Write baby, brolga, bush and ball."

Then the teacher says,

"Tom, you draw a kangaroo. Nari, you draw a goanna."

"Drawing is good," says Nari.

"Yes," says Tom. "See my funny kangaroo."
Minala is sitting at her table. 
Jorna is sitting on her chair. 
The teacher says, 
“Here are two big books and six pencils. 
The pencils are red, blue, yellow, 
green, black and white. 
Minala, you draw a red dilly bag. 
Jorna, you draw a yellow digging stick. 
Then we will sing.”
The boys and girls sing:
“This is the way I comb my hair,
I comb my hair,
I comb my hair.
This is the way
I comb my hair,
when I go to school
in the morning.”
A Box of Toys.

The teacher has a box of toys. The girls and boys put the toys on the table.

"There are three pigs, two goats, a car and a truck on the table," says Minala. The teacher says, "Put the pigs and goats here, Minala. Nari, put the truck in the shed."
Jorna, put the car near the house.”
Nari says, “Can I play with the toy horses?”
“Yes,” says the teacher.
“There are ten in the big box.”
“No,” says Nari. “They are not in the box.”
“Are they in the little box?” says the teacher.
“Yes,” says Nari. “I can see eight.”
“I have two,” says Tom.
“Good,” says Nari. “Come and play.”
A Dog in School.

“Oh!” says the teacher.

“There is a dog in the school.
Is he your dog, Nari?”

“No, he is not my dog,” says Nari.

“Is he your dog, Minala?” says the teacher.

“No, he is not my dog,” says Minala.
The dog runs to Tom.

"Is he your dog, Tom?" says the teacher.

"Yes, he is my dog," says Tom.

"Put him out, Tom," says the teacher.

"He has no book and no pencil.
He cannot write."
A Ball Game.

The girls play with the big ball. Jorna throws the ball to Minala. Then Minala throws the ball. The girls run after the ball. They jump to get it. Betty gets the ball. She throws it to the goal.
Football.

The boys play football at school.
Tom kicks the ball.
The boys run after it.
Nari gets the football.
Jack is near Nari.
Nari falls near the goal.
Jack kicks the ball into the goal.
The Tea-set.

The teacher has a toy tea-set. It has six yellow cups. The tea-pot is blue and yellow. The six plates are yellow and the milk jug is blue. The girls play with the tea-set.
Jorna puts the tea cups on the table. Minala makes the tea for the girls. She puts tea in the tea-pot. Then she puts hot water in the tea-pot. Jorna says, “Come to tea. Come quickly girls, the tea is hot.”
Lunch Time.

"It is lunch time," says Minala.
"No, it is not lunch time," says Nari.
"We will play a game," says Minala.
"We will say it is lunch time.
We have the cups and plates."
Jorna says, "Nari, here is a plate.
It has meat and potatoes on it."
The little boys and girls have cups of milk.
"See," says Nari, "I am eating all
my meat and potatoes."
Washing the Plates.

The girls wash the plates and cups in hot water. There is soap in the water. Minala puts the plates on the table. Jorna has a tea towel. She puts the dry plates in a box.
The Wheelbarrow.

The boys play with the wheelbarrow. Nari says, "Get in, Frank. I will give you a ride to the fence." Nari gives Frank a ride. Then Frank gives Nari a ride to the tree. "Can I have a ride?" says Tom. "Yes," says Nari. "Sit in the wheelbarrow."
Nari and Frank give Tom a ride.
"Good," says Tom.
"I will give you and Frank a ride."
They sit in the wheelbarrow.
Tom runs quickly.
The boys fall out on to the sand.
They all laugh and laugh.
Story Time.

In school the boys and girls have story time. "This is my story," says Minala. "There are nine big boys and seven big girls at our school. We draw birds, eggs, frogs and yams. I can draw an emu and a wren. Nari can draw a goanna climbing a tree.

The girls play with toy cups and plates. They wash them in hot water. The boys play with the football. Our teacher plays football with them. The boys laugh when he kicks a goal."
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