WORD LIST

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Nari and Minala
Go to Darwin

This book is the fifth 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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The Letter

All the children were in school. The teacher came in. She had a letter in her hand. "Girls and boys," she said. "Here is a letter asking us to visit Darwin." "Oh, good!" said the children. "Yes, it will be fun," said the teacher. "The big boys and girls can run home and ask if they can go. We start next Saturday."
The Start

Saturday came. It was a bright day. Mrs. Brown put seats in the back of the truck. She put bread and jam, tea and sugar, and a billy in a box. The children sat in the back of the truck. Mrs. Brown sat in the front with Mr. Brown. They started early in the morning. It was a long way to Alice Springs and the road was bad.
At twelve o'clock they stopped to have lunch. Mr. Brown made the tea and Mrs. Brown cut the bread and put jam on it. After lunch they drove on their way. At four o'clock they came to a big town. It had many houses and shops. “This is Alice Springs,” said Mr. Brown. He drove through the town to the school.
The Alice Springs children were glad to see them. They took them swimming. The water was cold. It was good fun. After the swim they sat at a big table with knives and forks on it. They had meat and potatoes. Then they went to bed.
Next morning Mr. Brown came with the truck. "Come and see the town," he said. "Then we will start on the long road to Darwin."

They went through the hills and into the town. They saw the houses and the pretty gardens.

"Look!" said Mrs. Brown. "There is the telegraph line, and there is the railway line."

"Can we climb up the hills?" asked Nari.

"Yes, Mr. Brown will stop the truck near them."
The children ran down the hill.
“Look! Look! What is that?”
“It’s a train,” said Mr. Brown.
“Get into the truck quickly.
We can be at the station when it stops.”
“See, it is on the railway line,” said Mrs. Brown.
“Yes,” said Nari, “and look, it’s stopping.
Quickly, Mr. Brown! The train is stopping.”
The children saw the people get out of the train.
They saw the engine. It was black and hot.
They did not like to go near it.
The Shops

After seeing the train, they went to the shops. In one shop they saw bread, sugar, jam, tea and biscuits.
In another shop they saw boots, shirts, trousers and dresses.
Mrs. Brown went into one shop and came out with a big box.
“What is in the box?” asked Betty.
“You will see,” said Mrs. Brown.
The Drover

At four o'clock they stopped to have biscuits and a drink of tea.

"Look at the horses and men and all the cattle," said Nari.

"Good-day," said a man on a horse.

"Good-day," said Mr. Brown.

"Where are you taking the cattle?" asked Jack.

"To Alice Springs," said the drover.

"Then they will go on the train."

"Where does the train take them?" asked Nari.

"It takes them a long way to a big town," said the drover.
They saw the drover ride to the cattle. The cattle were standing under the trees. “Come. Get into the truck,” said Mrs. Brown. “We must go.”
“Look at the big windmill,” said Bill.
“Yes,” said Mr. Brown. “Do you know what it is for?”
“Yes,” said Bill. “It gives water.”
“Right,” said Mr. Brown.
“When it rains a lot of water runs under the ground.
Men put a pipe into the ground and make a windmill.
When the wind blows, the windmill turns. This makes the water come up the pipe.
See, it is going into the trough.
People drink the water.
Horses and cattle drink the water.
Men put water in their trucks.”
Nari said, "My big brother, Frank, drives a truck. One day he went to a windmill trough to put water in his truck. It stuck in the sand and would not come out. It was a dark, cold night. He made a fire to keep warm. Soon a car came. Frank asked the driver to help him. The man said he would get help. He gave Frank bread and meat and a billy with tea and sugar."
Out Of The Sand

The man met a big truck.
He said to the driver, “Will you help
a man near the windmill? His truck
is stuck in the sand.”
“Yes, I am going there. I will pull his truck
out of the sand.”
Frank was glad to see the big truck.
They tied a rope to the trucks
and the big truck pulled Frank’s truck out.
“That was a good story Nari,” said Mr. Brown.
“We will drive on quickly to the station.
It is getting dark.”
At The Station

The children came to the station.
The sun was going down.
“Come quickly and see the goats.
Nell is putting them in the yard,” said Bill.
“Why do you put them in a yard at night?” asked Minala.
“Because there are many wild dogs,” said Nell.
“They take a goat every night.”
The Tracks

Early next morning
the children went to the yard.
Nell was milking the goats.
“Look!” said Nell. “The wild dog was here again. The black and white goat is not in the yard.
Look at the fence, boys, and see where he got in.”
Bill saw some hair on the fence.
“Look!” he said. “He got in here. Here are his tracks.”
Nell said, “Go to the house and tell Jim. He has a rifle.”
“We will follow his tracks,” said Nari.
“See, they go up the hill. There is white hair on the bush.”
Jim met them with his rifle and said, “I am glad you saw the tracks.”
“Hush!” said Bill. “I think he is in that cave. The tracks stop there.”
“You stay outside,” said Jim. “I will go inside with the rifle. If he runs out, follow him.” Jim saw two bright eyes and shot at them. The wild dog jumped up and then fell down. Jim pulled the dog out of the cave.

“Is he dead?” asked Bill.

“Yes, he’s dead,” said Jim. “You can have the scalp. He was a bad dog.”
The Lagoon

The children said good-bye to Nell, Bill and Jim. At twelve o'clock they saw a lagoon. "Can we have lunch here?" asked the girls. "The blue, pink and white water-lilies are pretty."
"Yes, and you can have a swim," said Mrs. Brown. "Can we get the water-lily roots and cook them? They are good to eat."
"Yes, and the boys can make the fire."
Soon they were all sitting by the fire. They cooked the roots. "These are good," said the boys.
“Look, there’s a railway line,” said Nari.
“Where’s the train?”
“There it is. Where is it going?” asked Jorna.
“To Darwin,” said Mrs. Brown.
“We will be there soon.”
“Is that the telegraph line?” asked Jack.
“No,” said Mr. Brown. “That line is for the lights in the streets and houses in the town.”
It was dark when they came to the school.
“Here they are!” said the Darwin children.
“We are glad you came. How many weeks can you stay?”
“Two weeks,” said Mrs. Brown.
“Oh, good!” said the children.
“After you have a shower, go into the school-room.”
After their wash the children went into the school-room. The room had bright lights in it. "Those lights are bright, like the sun," said Minala. "What is this?" said the boys when they saw the curtain. "That is a curtain," said a little girl. "What's it for?" asked the boys. "You will see," said the little girl.
The Welcome Song

There were seats for all the children.
Eight of the Darwin children were standing in front of the curtain.
"Hush!" said the teacher. "The children are going to sing."

"We sing a song of welcome.
We're glad that you have come.
We hope your Darwin visit.
Will be two weeks of fun.

We're going to have a party.
To end this happy day.
We sing our song of welcome
And let us all be gay."

"Thank you," said Mrs. Brown.
Then they pulled the curtain up, and what do you think they saw?
There were lots of pretty things on the table.  
There was a big pink cake. There were plates  
of little cakes and plates of biscuits.  
There were cups for drinks.  
All the children were happy  
because it was a good party.
The Gardens

Early next day they went to the gardens.
The Darwin children went with them.
They had their lunch in the gardens.
The boys climbed the big trees.
Tom fell down and was hurt.
Mr. Brown took him to the hospital.
The children were sad.
They were sorry he was hurt.
We will look at the town.”
They walked through the long streets to the water.

“Oh! Oh! Look at all the water!” said the girls.

“It’s very blue,” said Nari.

“What is that?” asked Minala.

“It’s a ship,” said Mrs. Brown.

The ship was tied to a long wharf.

Men were lifting a lot of big boxes out of the ship.

They saw many things. There were boxes of soap, boxes of towels, cases of eggs and cases of oranges.

There were bags of sugar and bags of potatoes.
The Hospital

“Where is Mr. Brown?” asked Jorna.
“He is at the hospital,” said Mrs. Brown.
“Can we see the hospital?” asked Minala.
“Yes!” said Mrs. Brown,
“and we will see Tom.”
They saw Mr. Brown at the hospital.
“Is Tom better?” asked Nari.
“Yes,” said Mr. Brown. “He is a lot better.”
“Where is he?” asked Mrs. Brown.
“He is in the hospital,” said Mr. Brown.
“He will stay there three days.”
“This is a big hospital,” said Minala.
“Yes,” said Mrs. Brown. “A lot of people who are hurt and who are sick come to Darwin.”
Fishing

It was Saturday and the Darwin boys said, “Can we take our friends fishing?”

“Yes,” said their teacher. “Mr. Dunn will take us in his boat.”

The boys were happy. They got one fish then another and another. There were many fish.

“Oh please, Mr. Dunn,” said the Darwin boys. “Can we go to the beach? We want to cook and eat the fish.”
The Beach

They went to the beach and made a fire. They cooked ten fish. Mr. Dunn said, "We will give five fish to the girls. Eat your fish and then you can go swimming." "Good!" said the boys. "Then can we play on the sand?" "Yes!" said Mr. Dunn. The boys had fun swimming in the warm water and playing on the sand. Mr. Dunn saw Nari sitting on the sand. "Are you sick?" he asked. "No!" said Nari. "I'm tired." "Come on, boys. We will go before you get very tired."
A Present

The two weeks went quickly.

"Before we go home," said Mrs. Brown, "we will go to the shops and buy presents for our friends."

"What can we buy?" she asked.

"A big cake," said Minala.

"Toys," said Jorna.


Shopping

They all went to the shops.
"Can I buy a book for my brother?"
asked Nari.
"Yes," said Mrs. Brown. "Do you want to buy a present, Minala?"
"Yes, I want to buy a yellow dress for my sister."
"I want to buy six oranges for my mother," said Jorna.
"I want to buy a rifle for my father," said Frank.
"No, you can't buy a rifle, Frank," said Mr. Brown. "You can buy trousers."
"I must buy a long rope," said Mr. Brown.
"Why?" asked Mrs. Brown.
"To give Mr. Dunn for his boat."
Before they started for home, Nari said to the Darwin children, "We want to thank you. We did have a lot of fun and we are sorry we are going. Here is a book for all of you."

"Thank you," said the Darwin children. "We hope to see you again."

They said good-bye to their friends, who then started on the long road to Alice Springs.
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