

GETTING STARTED AND CHAPTER 1

Take a look

Pick up *Wandering Girl*, and take a look at:

- the back cover the pictures and photos the chapter headings

Back cover

How old was Glenyse when she went to work? _____

What kind of job was it? _____

Do you think this book will have a funny side? _____

Photos

Did Glenyse grow up with her parents or with nuns? _____

Is the book about life in the 1930s or 1960s? _____

Contents page

How many chapters are there? _____

Which chapter might be about music? _____

Is 'v' a number?

The numbers on those first few pages of this book are Roman numbers – the numbers the Romans were using 2000 years ago. You often see these numbers in the front of books.

Arabic numbers:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Roman numbers:	i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vi	viii	ix	x

Roman sums were hard to do because there was no zero. Try these simple sums.

ii + iii = _____ v + v = _____ vii – iii = _____ x – iv = _____

Introduction

The introduction is for people who don't know about the Stolen Generation.
Read it and say what you think:

- I didn't know all this before, so it was useful.
- I knew all this, but it's good to have it here for people who don't know.
- It's OK, but it needs to say more about _____.

Do Australians know enough about this time in Indigenous Australian history?

Glossary

A glossary gives words you may not know.

How many words in this glossary were new for you? _____

List them: _____

How many words did you know? _____

Which words were the most interesting? _____

Make your own glossary

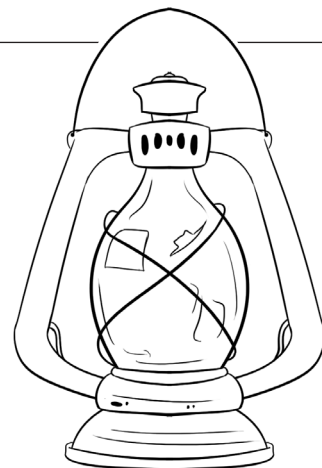
Think of some useful words you know . . . words from your language, young people's language, or the language of a sport or hobby.

Make up a glossary.

Give the word, then the meaning of the word.

My glossary of _____ words

Word	Meaning
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	



Chapter 1

Words to learn

brightly	hardship	identity	naughty	serious
separate	decorate	pretended	nervously	grief

Practise until you can read the 10 words in 10 seconds. That means you can 'spot' them and read them straight off!

Fill in the missing words

Our up-bringing was very _____. Boys and girls _____ always separate. If the nuns caught us talking to _____, they punished us. They _____ us in a dark room at _____, with only a lantern, and made us mend _____.

Although the mission was strict, we had good times _____. From the _____ of six, we had to _____ on the farm, milking the cows or _____ the pigs.

I was terrified of the pigs, but I _____ milking the cows. Sometimes we _____ the cream or _____ on the backs of the calves and had a _____ – but only _____ the nuns and brothers weren't looking.

Clues: *locked, when, were, ride, work, liked, tasted, night, climbed, boys, feeding, strict, too, socks, age*

Quick quiz

Check your understanding with this quiz.

1. Why was Glenyse sad when she woke up, on that spring morning?

2. Which country were the nuns, priests and brothers from? _____

3. Why do you think the older girls told the little ones about the *mummies*?

4. How do we know that the brothers wore glasses? Which words tell us that?

5. Were the children allowed to ride on the backs of the calves? How do you know that?

6. Christmas was fun, but it was also sad. Why was it sad? _____

7. The nuns were very strict. Which words tell you that they were also caring? (Page 8.)

True or false?

1. Glenyse went to Wandering Mission when she was 13 years old. _____

2. Boys and girls could play together at the mission. _____

3. Glenyse liked the pigs. _____

4. The kids sang *Silent Night* in German. _____

5. Glenyse was nervous as she left the mission. _____

Main idea

Look at the part of the story on page 6 called **Wandering Valley**. This mainly tells:

- How there were big and little kids living together at the mission.
- How the mission was near some beautiful hills.
- How the big girls scared the little girls with their stories.
- How the word for 'devil-men' was 'mumaries'.

Answer: _____

Sounds – er

Remember that 'er', 'ir', 'ur' (and sometimes 'w + or' or 'ear') have an 'er' sound. Read the words below to a friend.

perfect	girl	fur	work	learnt
were	bird	hurt	world	heard
German	first	turtle	word	
nervously				

Now use one of these words to complete each sentence:

- The story starts on a _____ spring day.
- There _____ hills around the mission.
- The children had to _____ on the farm.
- The _____ s could not talk to the boys.

Find the hidden word

Answer the questions and read down the first letters to find the hidden word:

Place in the hills where the devil-men lived:  _ _ _ S

Life was hard for these people:  _ _ _ _ _ _ _ L

The man in the car was short and  _ _ _ D

A home for children with no parents:  _ _ _ _ _ _ _ E

The nuns' English made the children  _ _ _ H

The hidden word is a kind of song (and a name!): _ _ _ _ _

All about you

When you were little . . .

Did bigger kids ever tell you stories that made you scared? What were the stories about?

Hunting online

How famous is this book?

Try an Internet search to see how many references you can find to *Wandering Girl*.

Go to www.google.com and type "Wandering Girl" into the search box. (Use the inverted commas to keep the words together.)

- Google will show you the first 20 references out of _____ .
- You'll see that not all of these are about Glenyse's book, so try again, putting "Wandering Girl" AND "Glenyse Ward" in the search box.
Now you should get the first 20 references out of _____ .
- You can also search for "Glenyse Ward". How many references are there? _____

Go and find out

Glenyse said she had a 'strict upbringing'.

Talk to some older people. Was their upbringing stricter than now?

(For example, were there more rules, stricter punishments, or different ways to speak to adults?)

Who I talked to:

What they said:

Predict . . .

From the story so far, do you think that Glenyse:

- a) had a great time in her new job?
- b) had a difficult time in her new job?

Why?
