

## Dreamtime stories

Aboriginal people believe we remember how the world was created in our dreams. They tell creation stories during Dreamtime ceremonies. One of these stories is the Rainbow Serpent.

The most common version of the Rainbow Serpent story tells that in the Dreaming, the world was flat, bare and cold. The Rainbow Serpent slept under the ground with all the animal tribes in her belly waiting to be born. When it was time, she pushed up, calling to the animals to come from their sleep. She threw the land out, making mountains and hills and spilled water over the land, making rivers and lakes. She made the sun, the fire and all the colours.

### Vocabulary:

The Dreaming = the moment when ancestral spirits created life.

Bare = without trees or grass

1) In the first paragraph, pick out three verbs which can describe Dreamtime:

- believe - remember - was created **tell**

Now, in your own words explain what the Dreamtime is: The Dreamtime is stories of the creation of the world, which is the Dreaming.

2) Pick out the proper noun which refers to a Dreamtime story: Rainbow Serpent

Pick out the three adjectives which describe the world during the Dreaming

- flat - bare - cold

Now explain what the Rainbow Serpent did: \_\_\_\_\_

The Rainbow Serpent gave life to the earth, nature and animals.

Recap: Aboriginal people believe in spirits, who are their ancestors.

The Dreaming is the moment when life was created.

The Dreamtime allows the Aboriginal people to tell stories about the Dreaming: the creation of life.