

Project glossary

Aboriginal people

The first people to live in Australia.

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background

The part of a scene that appears furthest away to the viewer.

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composition

The arrangement of the objects in a picture.

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cool colour

A colour that can make us feel cool, calm or sad, such as blue or green, and can make the object seem further away.

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foreground

The part of a scene that appears closest to the viewer.

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ochre

Coloured earth that can be used to make dyes and paints.

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primary colour

A colour that cannot be made by mixing other colours. The primary colours are red, yellow and blue.

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recede

To appear to move further away into the distance, or to become less clear.

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secondary colour

A colour that is made by mixing equal amounts of two primary colours. The secondary colours are green, orange and purple.

tertiary colour

A colour made by mixing equal amounts of a primary and secondary colour. Example tertiary colours include red-purple and blue-green.

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warm colour

A colour that evokes a feeling of warmth, happiness and energy, such as red or yellow, and can make the object seem closer to the viewer.