

## FCE GAP FILL - Aboriginal peoples

**Instructions:** Complete this text. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0)

### Aboriginal peoples

Four groups of peoples -the Australian Aborigines, the Indians of North and South America, and the Bushmen of South Africa- are not often considered together, but they have certain things in common. First, all four human groups were (0) **the** original inhabitants of their part (1)\_\_\_\_\_ the world. (The word aborigine means the people (2)\_\_\_\_\_ were there from the beginning). However, none thought that the land where they (3)\_\_\_\_\_ belonged to them. On the contrary, they felt that they belonged to the land. The land (4)\_\_\_\_\_ where they lived, along with all the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ creatures of nature. They were hunters, so they had a detailed knowledge of the natural world around them. They knew (6)\_\_\_\_\_ animal and part of the landscape, and made stories, dances, pictures and songs (7)\_\_\_\_\_ them. (8)\_\_\_\_\_ people thought it was important to fit into their surroundings. They took (9)\_\_\_\_\_ place beside all other living things, and lived in balance (10)\_\_\_\_\_ them. But then outsiders arrived and changed everything. At (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the original inhabitants welcomed the white people, (12)\_\_\_\_\_ them to find food and shelter in the new land. But they soon (13)\_\_\_\_\_ that the new people lived by a totally different set of beliefs. (14)\_\_\_\_\_ example, unlike the original inhabitants, the newcomers thought that land was something which could be (15)\_\_\_\_\_ by one person or group, not shared by all.

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- 1 of
  - 2 who / that
  - 3 lived
  - 4 was
  - 5 other
  - 6 every
  - 7 about
  - 8 These / Such
  - 9 their
  - 10 with
  - 11 first
  - 12 helping
  - 13 saw / discovered / learned / realised / understood / found
  - 14 For
  - 15 owned / possessed

