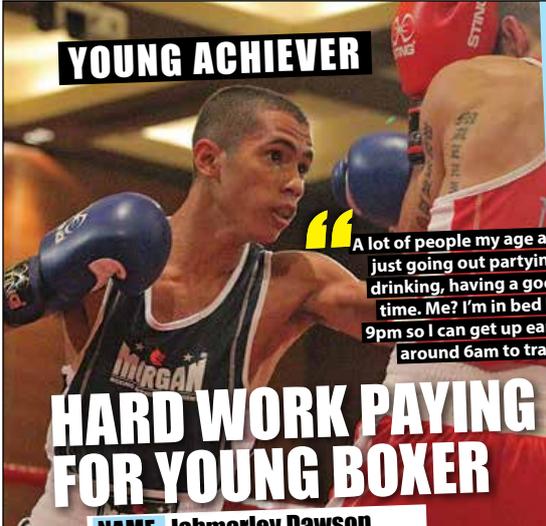


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### YOUNG ACHIEVER

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## HARD WORK PAYING OFF FOR YOUNG BOXER

**NAME: Jahmarley Dawson  
HOMETOWN: Brisbane Age: 18**

Having performed traditional dance for most of his life with one of Australia’s leading educational and entertainment businesses, Jahmarley Dawson is an inspirational ambassador for Aboriginal culture.

Jahmarley, 18, grew up in the western suburbs of Brisbane and is of Kamilaroi and Waanyi descent. He has performed traditional Aboriginal dance, language, boomerang and art workshops at thousands of schools and corporate events with his father’s business, Koomurri, and Jahmarley says he feels blessed to be able to have a career doing something he is passionate about.

“It’s very rare to be able to do something you love as a job. I’m passionate about Aboriginal culture. I’m making an income doing what I love. I get to live my dream,” he says.

Jahmarley performed for Oprah when she visited Australia. He has met celebrities, such as Brad Pitt, and he even landed a guest appearance on the hit TV show *Modern Family* when it was filmed in Australia. It has also taken him to places such as Italy, China, Malaysia and New Zealand.

As well as dance, Jahmarley has another passion in which he is excelling.

After some tough experiences at high school, he took up boxing as a means of building his self-confidence.

“I was one of the shortest kids in my school and there were times when I was ganged up on by other young guys,” he says. “I was also getting into a bit of trouble, growing up where you had to fight your way through. One day a good mate said, ‘You need to get into boxing.’”

After coming runner-up in his very first boxing comp, Jahmarley was inspired to continue. His grandfather was also a talented boxer – a strong Aboriginal stockman who fought in the 1940s and 1950s – which may be where some of his natural talent comes from.

In the short time he has been competing in boxing, Jahmarley has already won various boxing titles, including four Queensland State Titles, the Australian Championship in the flyweight division, the NSW title and this month he will represent NSW at the 2014 Australian Championships, the selection event for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this year.

“I have sacrificed a whole lot of things in my life,” says Jahmarley, talking about the level of dedication required to excel in sport. “When you start boxing at my age, to be honest you do kind of lose your teenage years. I only turned 18 three months ago. A lot of people my age are just going out partying, drinking, having a good time. Me? I’m in bed by 9pm so I can get up early around 6am to train. I train morning and night around work, averaging 20 hours per week.”

The dedication is paying off, however, as Jahmarley continues to excel in all areas of his professional life. Does he think the sacrifices and early nights are worth it?

“Depending on how passionate you are, sacrifices always pay off,” he says.

### ARTIST PROFILE

## Alick Tip

**This talented and award-w always had a strong sense was where he was meant t**

**A LICK’S FATHER AND GRANDFATHER WERE BOTH TALENTED CRAFTSMEN AND ARTISTS, AND HE WATCHED THEM AND PICKED UP TECHNIQUES WHILE GROWING UP ON THURSDAY ISLAND.**



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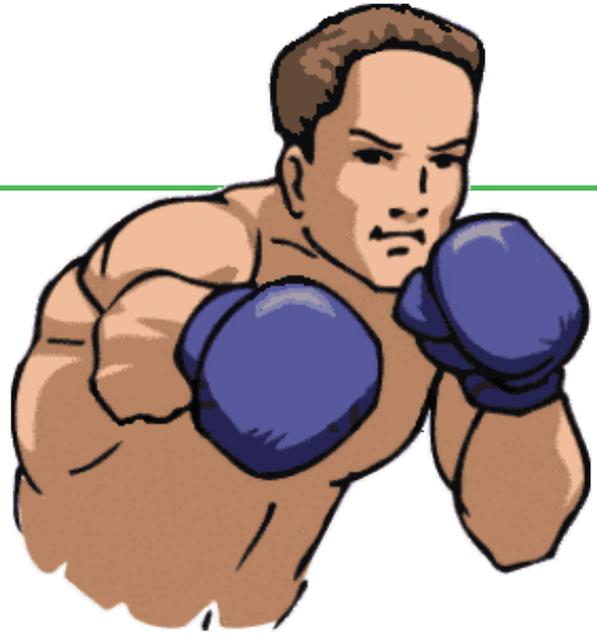


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Jahmarley Dawson grew up in the western suburbs of Brisbane, Queensland. He is a traditional dancer and boxer. He has already won boxing titles.

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**ACTIVITY 1**  
**BUILDING READING SKILLS**



- skimming and scanning for information
- reading headings, text boxes and pictures
- reading for meaning
- making connections between the text and your world

**There are three levels of comprehension questions:**

- Literal** The answer is located in one sentence in the text.
- Inferred** You need to make links between sentences and graphics (such as illustrations, maps and tables) and what you already know.
- Applied** The answer is in your background knowledge, what you already know or feel.

**1** Using information from the text, list some of the skills that Jahmarley Dawson has.

(literal)




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**2** According to the text, what was one reason that Jhamarley took up boxing?

(inferred)

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**3** Which of these celebrities has Jahmarley **not** met?

(inferred)

- the cast of *Modern Family*
- the Queen
- Oprah Winfrey
- Brad Pitt



**4** Jahmarley says, "Depending on how passionate you are, sacrifices always pay off." What sacrifices is he talking about?

(inferred)

- wanting to be a boxer
- avoiding staying out late so he can train early the next day
- working in his father's business
- teaching traditional Aboriginal dance

**5** Explain the purpose for adding the picture to the written text.

(applied)

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**6** Explain one way that Jahmarley Dawson is a good role model for young Aboriginal people.

(applied)

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# ACTIVITY 2

## LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - SPELLING

**1** The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been underlined. Write the correct spelling for each word in the box.



He performed tradishonal dance.

He is an inspirashonal person.

He is passonate about sharing his culture.

**2** Each sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

He has met a lot of celebrity's.

He had a guest apearance.

He is exelling at boxing.



# ACTIVITY 3

## LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

### 1 Which is a correct sentence?

- Having performed dance.
- Grew up in the western suburbs.
- Jahmarley Dawson is an inspirational ambassador.
- Doing something he is passionate about.



### 2 Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

If  staying for training, you will need  boxing gloves.

- your      your
- your      you're
- you're    your
- you're    you're

### 3 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- depending on how passionate you are sacrifices always pay off he said
- "Depending on how passionate you are, sacrifices always pay off." He said.
- "Depending on how passionate you are, sacrifices always pay off, he said."
- "Depending on how passionate you are, sacrifices always pay off," he said.

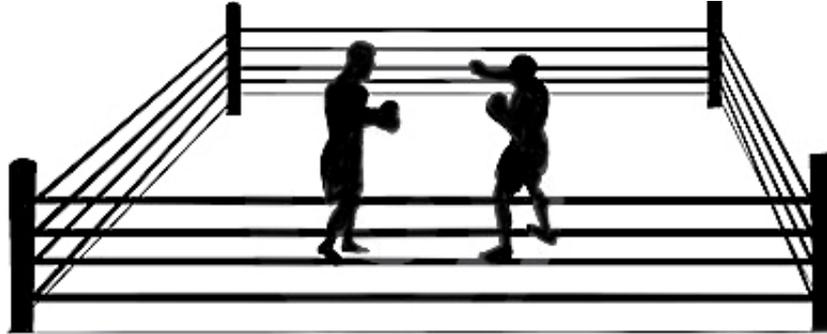


# ACTIVITY 4

## BOXING VOCABULARY



**1** Match these boxing words and their definitions from the **Word Box** below.



A boxing contest.

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A ruling where the referee stops the bout and declares a boxer the winner if his opponent has been down for a count of 10.

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To separate from a clinch.

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A left-handed boxer.

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A junction of the ropes where the contestants rest between rounds.

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One of the series of rest periods that make up a bout.

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Acknowledgement of defeat.

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Holding an opponent to prevent him from punching.

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### Word Box

corner

round

break

southpaw

clinch

throw in the towel

knockout

bout