





SING IT UP

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Sing Sing is an extraordinary multi-media performance that brings together Indigenous music and culture, celebrating the traditional and the contemporary and exploring the cultural links and shared colonial histories of the three territories. Artists include Papua New Guinea's biggest rock star, George Telek, groundbreaking Aussie band Not Drowning Waving, former Black Brothers band member William Ayamiseba, leading Papuan dancer and actor Markham Galut and Pitjantjatjara man Frank Yamma.

Sing Sing will also be the international debut for the Moab Stringband, from Raluana in Papua New Guinea. Stringband music is unique to the Pacific and Papua New Guinea and features guitars, fast bass lines, ukeleles and harmony vocals in songs based on the local village history.

You can catch Sing Sing for one night only at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on Tuesday, May 30, at 8pm.

ACTIVITY 1:

SKIMMING FOR MAIN IDEAS

Look at the heading on the right hand side in the middle of page 13, (Sing It Up), the words in bold red type below the heading ("Three cultures combine to create one magical concert experience") and the photograph below the heading.

Read the first and last paragraphs in the article below the photo.

1. Circle the correct answer below:

The heading tells us that the concert will involve

singing **painting**

2. The words in red bold tell us that _____ cultures will perform together in a concert.

3. The first paragraph tells us where the performers come from. Fill in the information below.

There will be twenty-two performers from P _____ N _____

G _____, mainland A _____ and the T _____

S _____ I _____.



4. Read the last paragraph. How many nights will *Sing Sing* be on for?

5. *Sing Sing* will be presented at the

S_____ O _____ H _____.

6. What date will *Sing Sing* be on?

7. What time will the concert start?





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ACTIVITY 2:

SCANNING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. Read Paragraph 3. In the sentence "*Sing Sing* will also be the **international debut** for the Moab Stringband." Other words for **international debut** are _____
2. In paragraph 3, find and write the sentence that describes the style of music the Moab Stringband from Papua New Guinea perform.

Stringband music is



ACTIVITY 3:

UNDERSTANDING WORDS IN CONTEXT

Write your own meaning for the words from the article in the boxes below.

WORDS	MEANING
"a spectacular one-off concert"	
"extraordinary multi-media performance"	
"groundbreaking Aussie band"	





ACTIVITY 4:

HAIKU POETRY

A haiku (pronounced hi – koo) is a style of poetry that comes from Japan. The three lines usually do not rhyme, but the poem is usually about nature and follows a set pattern:

- Line 1 5 syllables
- Line 2 7 syllables
- Line 3 5 syllables

Here is an example of a haiku about Torres Strait Islands:

White clouds float above	(5 syllables)
Gentle undulating land	(7 syllables)
Beautiful islands	(5 syllables)

Your turn! Try writing a haiku that describes the natural environment where you live. Remember to follow the pattern and count the syllables in each line.

_____ (5 syllables)

_____ (7 syllables)

_____ (5 syllables)

Illustrate your poem.