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# moka bandi

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SCHOOL  
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## Background

This guessing game was observed being played by young and old at Cape Bedford in north Queensland.

## Language

The game is called *moka bandi*, which means 'to think' or 'remember' in the Kurna language of South Australia. No local word for the game was found for the people from north Queensland and the name selected recognises that this type of activity was played in various parts of Australia.

## Short description

A guessing game similar to 'I spy'.

## Game play and basic rules

- One of the group of players may notice a new flower just in bloom, a bird half-hidden in a bush, a tussock of grass uprooted, or whatever, and taking care to look in quite a different direction — anywhere but in the correct direction — says, 'What am I thinking of?'
- The other players take turns to guess what it is. The players laugh when the correct guess is made. Hints may be given if necessary.

## Variations

- Play indoors.
- Players may give the first letter of the object as a hint for the other players.
- Use 'animal, plant or place' questions to help guess.