



# Arabana Yanhi!

**Speak Arabana!**

*Keeping Ancestral voices alive*



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# Arabana is the language of Kati Thanda (western Lake Eyre region). These cards will help you learn some of the Arabana language.

The illustrations in this set were created by Lakota Milera-Weetra. Lakota is a proud Arabana woman and artist who is actively engaged in reviving the Arabana language.

Each card is double-sided, featuring the Arabana word on one side and the illustration and English translation on the other.

The language on these cards belongs to the Arabana People. We acknowledge and pay our respects to Arabana Elders past, present and emerging.

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For more information, please visit  
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*Listen to the sounds  
of the language here.*

A large, solid yellow circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse, dry, scrubby bushes, and a clear blue sky. In the distance, there are low, rounded hills or dunes. The word "irrantta" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the center of the yellow circle.

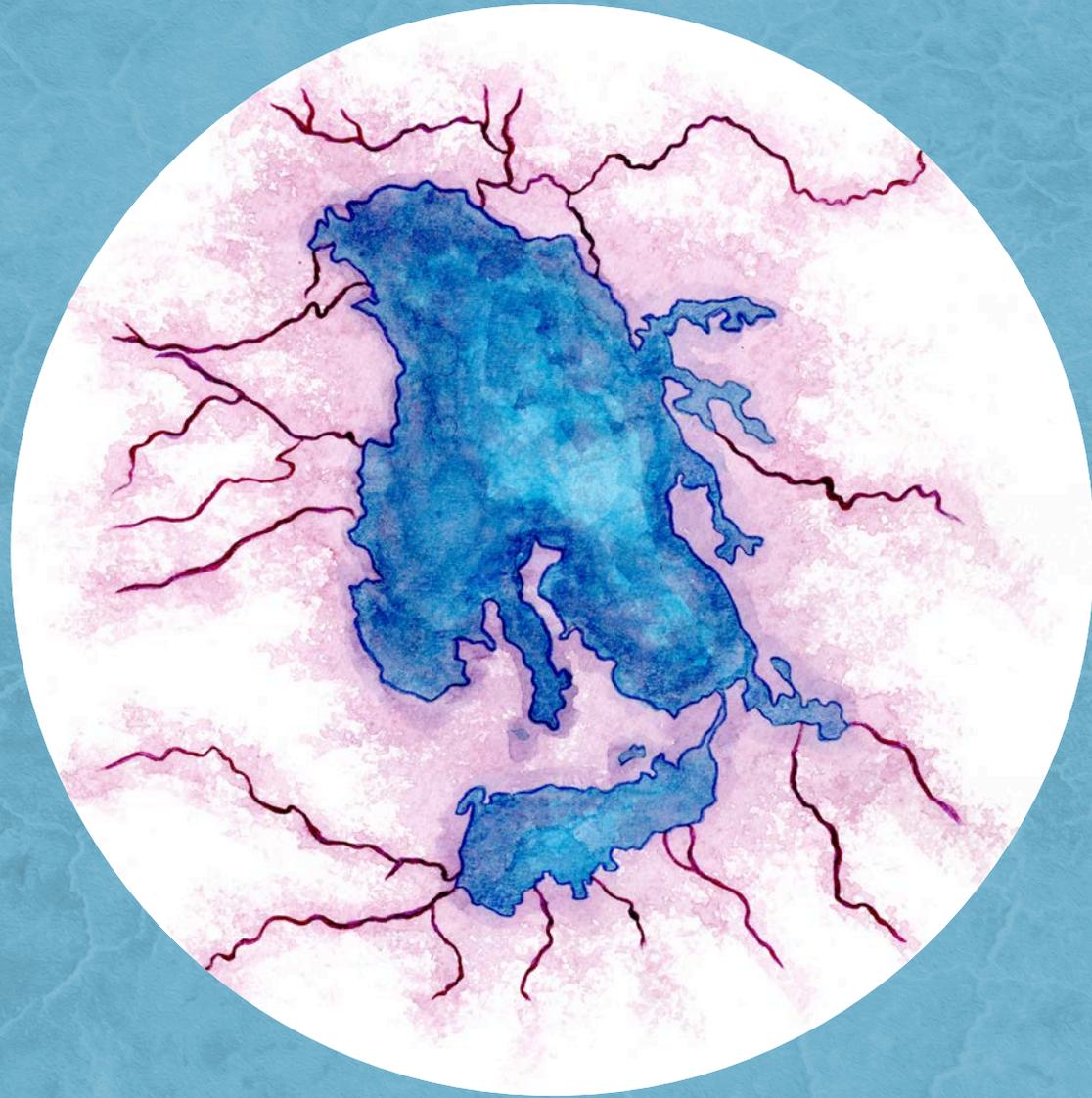
**irrantta**



*black cockatoo*



# Kati Thanda



*Lake Eyre*

A large, solid orange circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear, light blue sky. The word "maka" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the orange circle.

**maka**



*fire*

A large, solid yellow circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, low-lying shrubs and bushes in shades of brown and orange, set against a clear, light blue sky. The ground is sandy and reddish-brown. The word "kira" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font in the center of the yellow circle.

**kira**



*boomerang*

A large, solid yellow circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse green and brown shrubs, and a clear blue sky. The word "madla" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the center of the yellow circle.

**madla**



*dingo*



**kapiirri**



goanna



**kungarra**



*kangaroo*



**katar\_ungka**



*white cockatoo*

A large teal circle is centered on the page, overlaid on a photograph of a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse yellowish-brown shrubs, and a clear blue sky. The word "warrukathi" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the center of the teal circle.

**warrukathi**



**emu**

A large, semi-transparent tan circle is centered on the page, overlaid on a desert landscape. The background shows a vast, flat desert with sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear, light blue sky. The horizon is visible in the distance.

**wabma**



*snake*

A large, solid orange circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear, light blue sky. The word "mudlu" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font across the center of the orange circle.

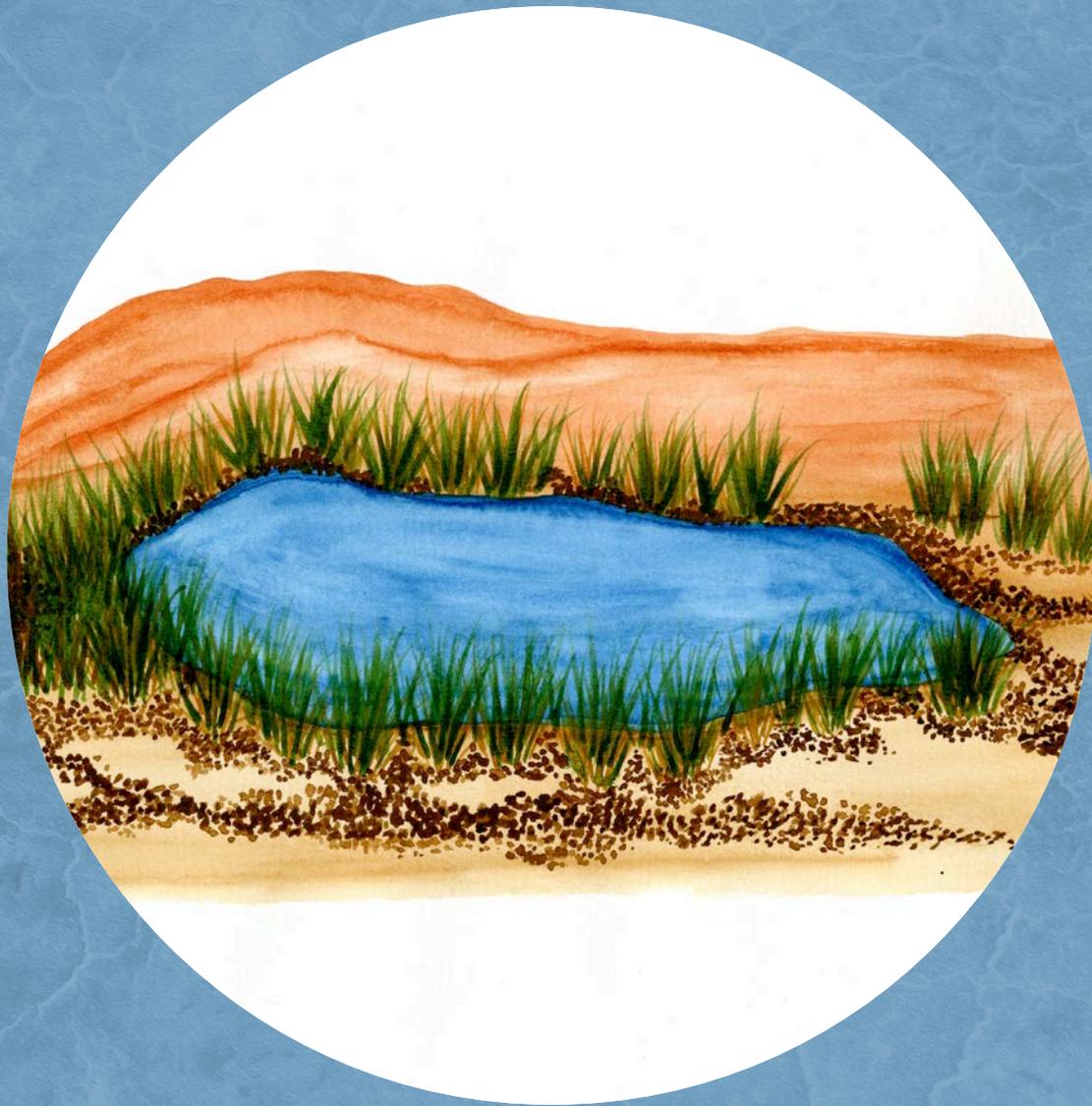
**mudlu**



*sand dunes*

A large, solid blue circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse green and yellow shrubs, and a clear blue sky. The word "kutha" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the blue circle.

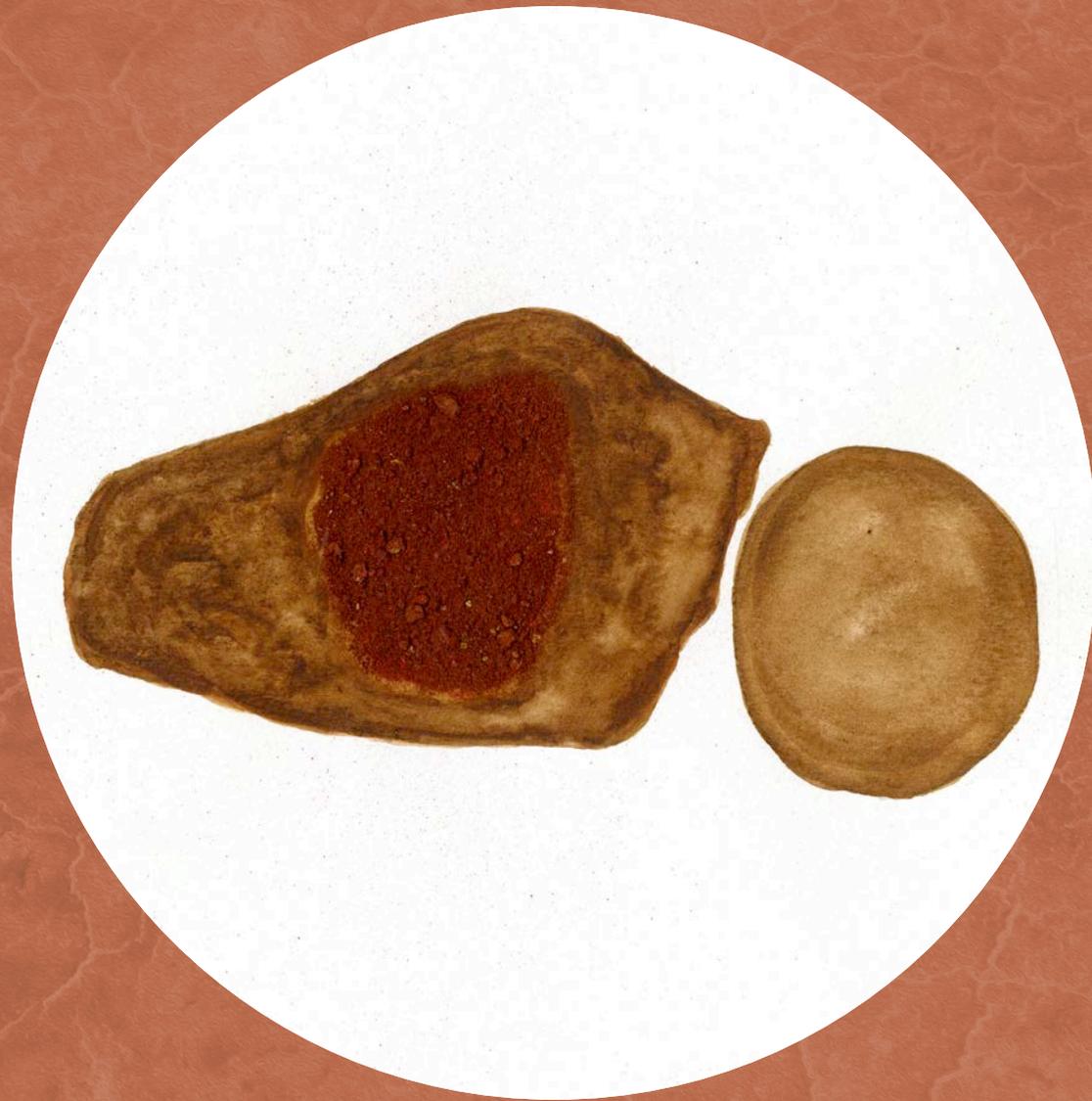
**kutha**



*waterhole*

A large, solid orange circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, dry vegetation and a clear blue sky.

**arkapa**



*red ochre*

A large, semi-transparent yellow circle is centered on the page, overlaid on a desert landscape. The word "paru" is written in a bold, dark blue font inside the circle. The background shows a vast, flat desert with sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear blue sky.

**paru**



*yellow ochre*



**katyi**



*spear (hunting)*

A large, solid yellow circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear, light blue sky. The word "pityatya" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the center of the yellow circle.

**pityatya**



*coolamon*

A large, semi-transparent purple circle is centered on the page, overlaid on a photograph of a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse green and brown shrubs, and a clear blue sky in the background.

**mapu**



*circle of people (mob)*



**ngura**



*home/camp*



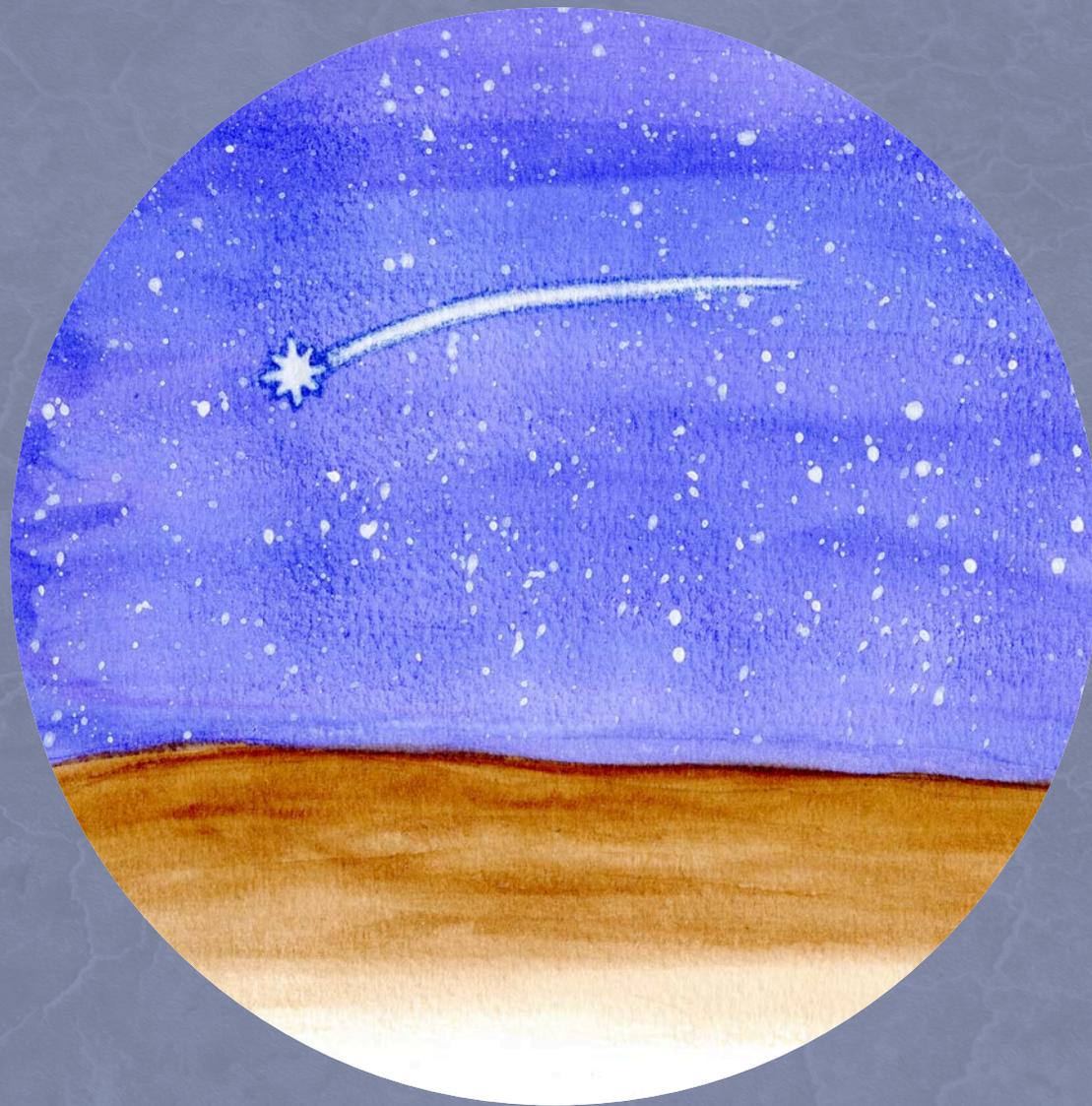
**idnapa**



*echidna*

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape under a clear blue sky. The ground is reddish-brown sand with scattered low-lying, dry shrubs. In the distance, there are low, rounded hills. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is centered over the image, containing the text 'kardipirla-kurdarndanha' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**kardipirla-  
kurdarndanha**



*shooting star*



**paputya**



*pregnant*



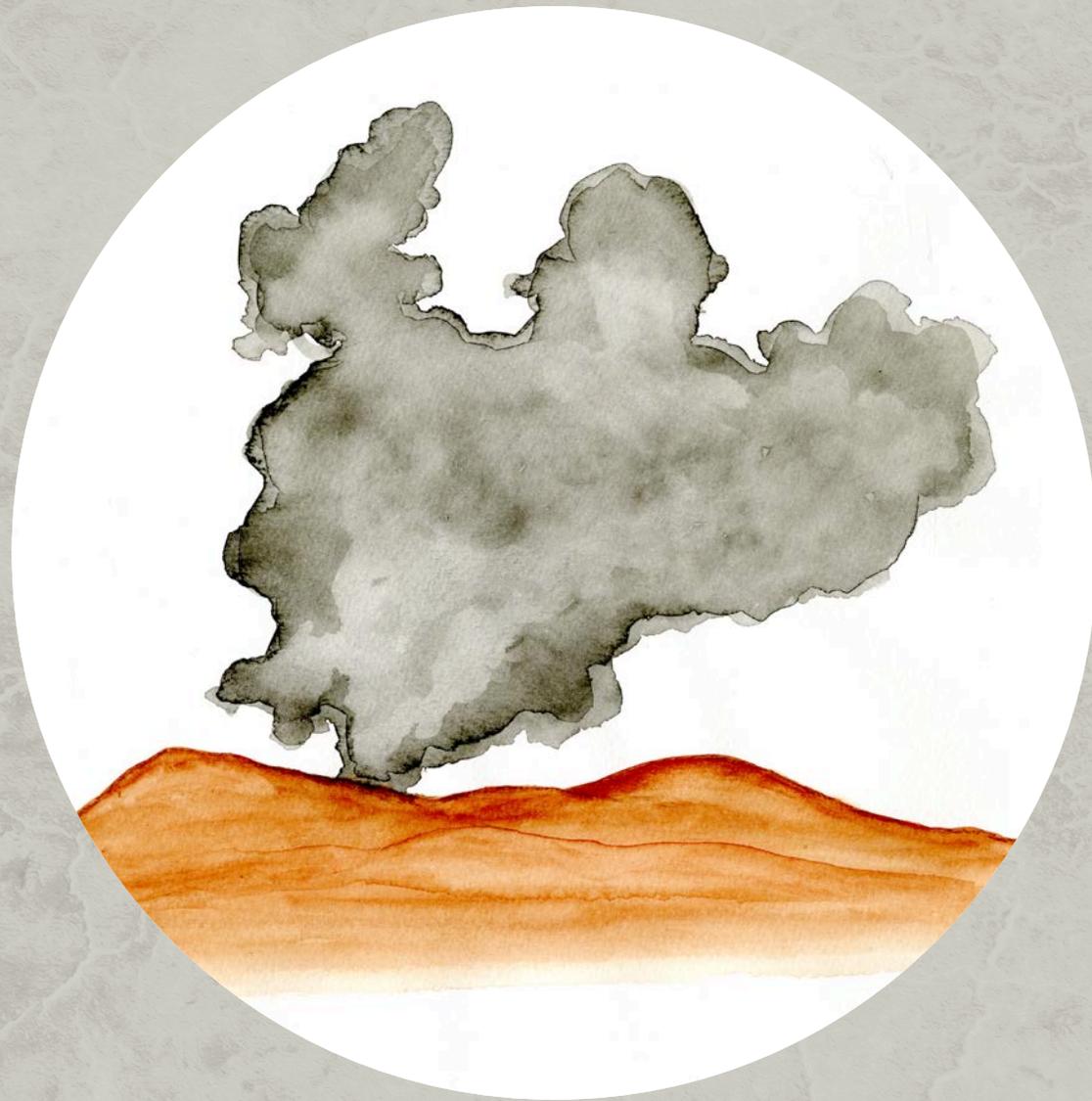
**ngawinya-  
ngawinya**



*Sturt's desert pea*

A large white circle is centered on the image, containing the word "thupu" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape under a clear blue sky. The ground is reddish-brown sand with scattered, low-lying, dry-looking shrubs. In the distance, there are low, rounded hills or dunes. The overall scene is arid and open.

**thupu**



*smoke*

A large, semi-transparent pink circle is centered over a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear blue sky. The word "wampityi" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the center of the pink circle.

**wampityi**



*rainbow*



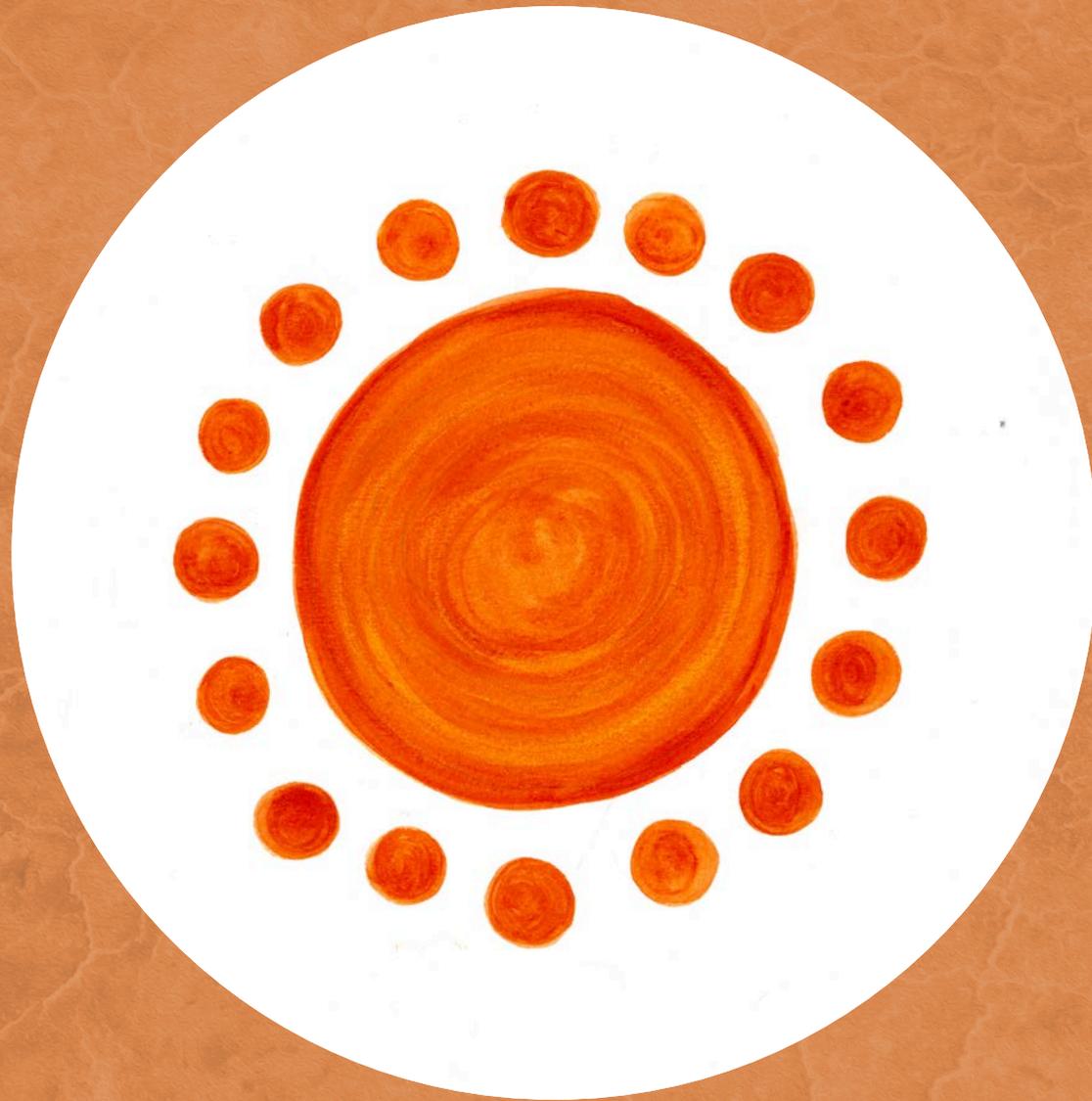
**pitha**



*tree*

A large, solid orange circle is centered on the page, overlaid on a photograph of a desert landscape. The word "muyu" is written in a dark, lowercase, sans-serif font in the center of the circle. The background shows a vast, flat desert with sparse, low-lying shrubs and a clear, light blue sky.

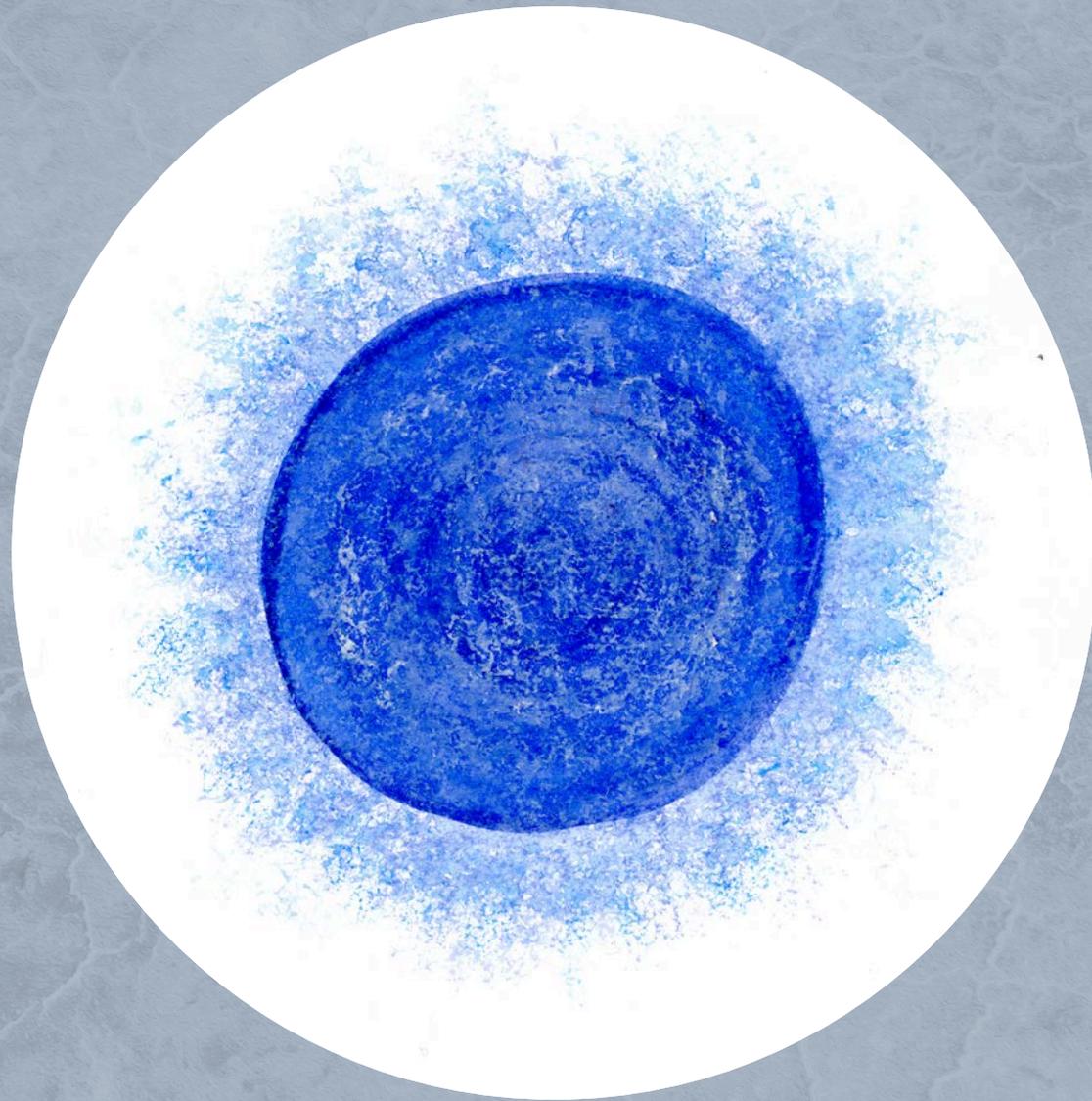
**muyu**



*sun*

A large, semi-transparent light blue circle is centered on the page, overlapping a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse green and yellow shrubs, and a clear blue sky in the background.

**parala**



*moon*

A large, semi-transparent purple circle is centered over a desert landscape. The landscape features sparse, low-lying shrubs and bushes in shades of brown and orange, set against a clear, light blue sky. The ground is sandy and reddish-brown. In the distance, there are low, rolling hills or mountains under the same sky.

**parratya**



*sunrise*

A large, solid yellow circle is centered on the page, partially overlapping a background image of a desert landscape. The landscape features reddish-brown soil, sparse green and brown shrubs, and a clear blue sky. The word "ngarru" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the center of the yellow circle.

**ngarru**



*feather*



**yabmalka**



*quandong*