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Boomerangs

Boomerangs are amazing! What seems to be a simple bit of wood can be thrown away from you and then come right back and land in your hand.

A boomerang is actually a wooden tool used for many different purposes. The Australian Aboriginal people have used boomerangs for many thousands of years: as weapons for hunting and against enemies in battle, as musical instruments and as toys. Some tribal boomerangs are inscribed or painted with designs which are significant to their owners.



The **dimensions** of boomerangs depend on where they come from and their **function** . Most boomerangs seen today are **typically** for **tourists** or used in contests. An international **competition** is held every other year.

The technique for throwing a boomerang has five parts:

The grip: the **easiest** way to grip the boomerang is between your thumb and first finger.

The throw: always throw your boomerang overarm. When thrown **correctly** , it will fly in a circle.

The throwing angle: the boomerang should be nearly **vertical** when thrown. Holding the boomerang flat will cause it to fly in dangerous **swoops** and dives.

Make an **adjustment** for wind: the **breeze** will help to bring it back with greater **precision** .

The catch: use both of your hands in a **clapping** motion.

Only **attempt** to catch the boomerang while it is slowly hovering towards you and is below shoulder height.

