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Yard nhenhe Anthelke Ulpayele
Garden-ke arrangkwe urrke.

Garden-ke arrangkwe alakenhe
aneke.

Anwerne urreye mape
Ntyarlke Unit-nge-
tyylele. Anwerne
gardening-akerte
angkeme.
Nhenhe, Tyaymele, Shane ante Chris-le ahelhe akethe-ileme garden mpwaretyenhenge.

Ayenge Egor. Ralph-le ahelhe tnyeme hose-ke.

Lionel-le Peter areme re urrkaperlenge.
Atyepeye uthene urreye mape uthene iperte tnyeme machine-le.

Nicole-le areme urreye mape sleeper atningke iperteke arrernerlenge.

Marle anwerne shovel-le ahelhele akertne arteme.
Ayenge Marlene.
The ahelhe rakeme-ileme.

Hapertele urreye mape areme warrke-irrerlenge, re akangkeme ampe ikwerenhe atherre warrke-irreme.
Egor-le areme urreye nhenhe mapele tnyeme, Roy uthene sleeper arntirrkweme.

Nhakwe bus anyente tnyeme Charles Creek itwele, Pop-kenhe apmere itwele.

Valda atherre, Jennifer atherrele hose arteme.
Arterteyele tnyeme arne antyerrke tyerremele.

Urreye yanhe mape, itne akaltye anthurre.

Marlene uthene Valda uthenele urreye mape areme.

The iwenhe mpwareye?

Tyaymelele shovel antirrwemele tneme.
Neville-le iperte tnyeme arne arrernetyenhenge. Arne nhenhe fence itwele planteme-iletyenhe.

Cyril uthene Roy uthenele, plastic arrerneme pipe arrernetyenhenge.

Mike-le pipe iperteke arrerneme. Adrian shovell arntwirrkeme ane the photo inetyenhe.
Ayenge ankwe-irreme.

Francis-le shovel-le iltyele arntirrkweme, re angkeme, Roger-le shovel-le arntirrkwemele tneme.

Cyril-le shovel-le ahelhe iperte-ntyele iweme. Roy-le ayenge areme iperte tnyemele warrke-irrerlenge.

Roger-le iperte tnyeme arne mape arrernetyeke. Roy aneme apurrke anthurre.
Alan-le anwerneke imerneme arne mwarrentye mpwaretyeke.

Alan-le garden-ke arne apere akweke arrerneme. Urreye mapele uthene marle mapele uthene akaltye-irremele areme.
Ayenge Lionel.
Ierne dripper arneke-arleke arrerneme.

Ayenge Terry.

Cyril-le iperte tnyeme grapes arrernetyeke.

The dripper nhenhe mulberry arneke-arleke arrerneme.
Ayenge iperte itwele, arne ngkernemele. Lionel, Shaney atherre Adie atherrele ayenge tnemele areme.

Nhenhe Tyayenemanele arne iperteke ngkerneme. The aremele ware tneme.

Adie-le plastic akeme arne iperteke arrernetyenhengê.
Roy-ele shovel arntirrkweme. Cyril-ele fence arntirrkweme.

Cyril uthene Roy kwatyenge arrkene-irreme.

Tyaynemane uthene Lionel uthenele iperte tnyeme shovel-le.

Truck apetyeke ahelhe arrernetyeke. Ampe mapele tnemele areme.
Nhenhe ampe mapele ahelhe shovel-le iweme trailer-ngel-ntyele.

Anwerne areme Ricky-le ahelhe rakeme-ilerlenge.

Arthur uthene Francis uthenele trailer-ntyele ahelhe iweme. Roy yanhele nmele areme.
Tyaymele uthene Lionel uthene-le rake-me-ileme.
Tyaynemane yanhe rake-ke arrangkwe tneme.

Urreye mapele akaltye-irremele areme, Alan-le arne mape ngkernerleke. Mike atherre James atherrele aremele tneme.

Ayenge ampe mapeke angkeme.

Nicole uthene Jenny uthenele areme tneme. Mike Alan itwele tneme.
Alan uthene Mike uthene fence itwele tneme. Roy camera-ke show off irreme.

Ampe urreye mapele vegetable plants ahelheke arrerneme. Roy uthene Chris uthene itwele aneme.

Nhenhe arne mape garden ampe urreye mapele mpwareke.
Nhenhe anwerne mpwareke. Anwernele sprinkler garden-ke arrerneke.

Mike ante ampeurreyemape urrkapeme greenhouse kwenenge. Itne garden mpwareme.

Adie-le seed kwatye antheme.

Tyaynemanele garden mpwareme.

Roy, Arthur ante Neville aneme arne mape itwele.
This yard is at Charles Creek without a garden at first. This is what it was like when there was no garden. 'We are the boys from the Ntyarlke Unit. We are talking about making a garden.'

Here’s James D., Shane and Chris clearing the ground for a garden.

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'I'm Egor. Ralph is digging a hole for the hose.'

Lionel is watching Peter working.

Nigel and the boys are digging the hole with a machine. Nicole is watching the boys put the sleepers into the holes. 'We three girls are shovelling sand over the top.'

I’m Marlene. I am raking the ground.'

One bus stands near Charles Creek there, near Pop’s place. 'Valda and Jennifer are working covering the hose.'

Donny S. is digging out an old tree. Marlene and Valda are watching the boys. 'Those boys think they know everything.'

James D. is standing holding a shovel. 'What can I do?''

Neville is digging a hole for a tree. This plant should be planted near the fence. Cyril and Roy are putting the plastic fittings on so that they can lay the pipe.

They are laying the pipe down in the hole. Adrian is standing holding the shovel, and I am going to take a photograph.'

Francis is holding onto a shovel. 'I’m falling off to sleep.'

Roger is also holding onto a shovel. 'Cyril is shovelling out of the hole.' 'Roy is watching me digging a hole, working.'

Roger digs a hole to plant lots of trees. Roy is sitting down because he is very tired.

Alan is showing us how to do things properly.

Alan is planting a small river gum. The boys and girls are watching and learning.

I’m Lionel. ’I’m Terry. ’We are putting a dripper system onto the plant.'

Cyril is planting grapes.

'I am putting this dripper on the mulberry tree.'

I am near the hole, putting the tree in. Lionel, Shaney, and Adie are standing watching me.

Here is Patrick planting the tree into the hole. I’ll just stand and watch.'

Adie is cutting the plastic off so that they can put the plant into the hole.

'Roy is holding onto the shovel.' 'Cyril is holding the fence.' Cyril and Roy are playing with the water.

Patrick and Lionel are digging a hole with a shovel.

A big truck came with a load of sand. The kids all stood around and watched.

Here are some students shovelling sand out of the trailer. 'We are watching while Ricky rakes the sand and levels it off.'

Arthur and Francis are throwing the sand off the back of the trailer. Here’s Roy standing looking.

James D. and Lionel are raking up. Patrick hasn’t got a rake, he’s just standing.

The boys are watching and learning while Alan plants the trees. Mike and James are standing around watching Alan.

'I am talking to the students.' Nicole and Jenny are standing watching. Mike is standing next to Alan.

Alan and Mike are standing near the fence. Roy is showing off to the camera.

The boys are planting vegetables into the sand. Roy and Chris are close by.

Here is the garden that the boys have made.

'This is what we have done. We have put a sprinkler system in the garden.'

Mike and the boys are working inside the greenhouse. They are fixing up their seedlings.

Adie is giving the seeds some water.

'Roger and Arthur are looking at the camera. There are other boys working in the garden.'

Patrick is planting his seeds.

Roy, Arthur and Neville are having a closer look at the plants.
The Ntyarlke Unit of the Catholic High School was established in 1988 to cater for the Arrernte kids from the town camps of Alice Springs. The Ntyarlke Unit teaches in a bi-cultural way. The students learn in both Arrernte and English languages, using ideas from both cultures.

Many of the students had not met with much success in mainstream schooling. Now they have a sense of pride in their Arrernte identity and are beginning to succeed at school.

This book records of one of their school projects, setting up a garden at Anthelke Ulpaye, one of the town camps where many of the students live.