

# Marŋgiyi yaka Yolŋu Dhärukku Dhaŋu'murru

## Learning Yolŋu Matha: Dhaŋu

- Nhämi nhunum?**  
How are you?
- Ŋuwakurru. / Yaka ŋuwakurru.**  
Good. / Not so good.
- Nhä nhunu mälkma?**  
What's your skin name?
- Ŋayam mälk Gutjan.**  
My skin name is Gutjan.
- Yol nhunum yäku?**  
What's your name?
- Ŋayam yäku Mayalil.**  
My name is Mayalil.
- Ŋalaŋuwuy nhunum?**  
Where are you from?
- Yirrkalawuy ŋaya.**  
I'm from Yirrkala.
- Yol nhuŋgu gurruŋumim?**  
Who is your family?
- Djamarrkuŋi'mi nhunu yulŋum?**  
Do you have children?
- Nhalpiyan ŋaya ŋarru nhuna goŋanma?**  
What (kinship term) should I call you?
- Yolku dhaŋum ŋaraka ŋayi?**  
Whose country is this?
- Nhä dhaŋum?**  
What's this?
- Yol dhaŋum yolŋu?**  
Who is this person?
- Ŋala nhan?**  
Where is she / he?
- Djämaŋa. / Ŋayiŋa.**  
At work. / At home.
- Ŋalambal nhunum yaka ŋarruŋa?**  
Where are you going?
- Ŋayili. / Shop-ŋi. / Djämaŋi.**  
Home. / To the shop. / To work.
- Nhunu djäl gulabawu wo coffee-wu?**  
**Ŋamun'kurrmi ga djoka'mi**  
Do you want tea? With milk and sugar?
- Ŋathawu nhunu djäl?**  
Do you want food?
- Guŋga'yunmu nhunu ŋarru yulŋum?**  
Can you help me with this?
- Bayarakaraŋ nyäku yaka ŋaya ŋarru nhuna guŋga'yun.**  
Sorry I can't help you.
- Nhalpiyan nhunu yaka birrka'yunma?**  
What do you think?
- Nhä dhuŋdayma dhuka djinaku djämawum?**  
What's a good way to do this work?
- Dhaŋum nhä dhäwu?**  
What's this story?
- Wanyu marimi rom dhaŋum.**  
This is a strong rule / law.
- Bulnha waŋiya.**  
Say it again slowly.
- Dhuŋa ŋaya.**  
I don't know.
- Dhumbal'yuwan ŋaya.**  
I don't understand.
- Yolŋu / yolŋu**  
Yolŋu person, Aboriginal person / person
- yow**  
yes
- yaka, bayaŋu**  
no, nothing
- miyalk / dhäyka'**  
woman
- ḍarramu / ḍirramu**  
man
- djamarrkuŋi'**  
child / children / kids

