Yugambeh Nation

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Like Latin, Not English

In Latin and Yugambeh, instead of using separate little words like *of*, *to*, or *from* (these are called prepositions), they change the ending of the noun itself to show its role in the sentence. This change in the ending is called **case**. In English, we keep the word “sky” the same and rely on separate prepositions to tell you what the relationship is.

Sky in three languages

Underline the ending of each Yugambeh word, then write it in the last column.

Latin	Yugambeh	English	Yugambeh ending
Caelum	**Ngurung**	Sky	
Caelī	**Ngurungah**	Of the sky	
Caelō	**Ngurungba**	To the sky	
Caelum	**Ngurungi**	Sky (object)	
Caelō	**Ngurungu**	From the sky	

Questions

1. What is a preposition? Find the three prepositions in the English column.

2. What is “case” (or declension)?

3. Look at the Yugambeh column. Which part of the word stays the same, and which part changes?

4. Write the Yugambeh ending that means *from*, and the one that means *to*.

5. Why does the Reading say this is “a powerful reminder of the incredible complexity and ancient history” of Aboriginal languages?