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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.

