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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.

