



Support units: Language of geography

Illustration 1: Teaching literacy in geography – Year 8

City immigrants

The extract below is from Amanda Lohrey's fiction book *Camille's Bread*. The book contains the description of a suburban backyard in Sydney's Inner West, where a pensive figure ...

... sits alone and contemplates ... the dense tangle of leaf that reflects each wave of immigrants to the city: fig tree, lemon, grapevine, blue gum, banana palm, white frangipani and there, in a fragrant clump by the fence, a climbing red rose entwined with a scarlet hibiscus, while at their base wild tomato plants run riot. The English, the Mediterranean, the tropical and the native bush entwined in a ceaseless tangle, and above them the sweet heady smell of frangipani floating on an acrid wave of gasoline.

Source: Lohrey, A. (1996). *Camille's Bread*. Sydney: HarperCollins, p. 91.
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