



Julie Gough, *Bad Language 2*, 2007

Series of 9 screenprints on paper. A2 size. Edition of six. Original series of acrylic on paper also available, without archival ref. notes at bottom.

Artist's note: This work is based on 25 May 2007 when the Day Bill (advertising poster) for The Australian Newspaper that was plastered across Melbourne (where I was then staying) announced: “Aborigines must learn English”. I found this entirely disturbing, and recalled that I had been saving accounts of Tasmanian Aboriginal people calling out/speaking back at non Aboriginal people in English, not in 2007, but in the 1820s in VDL (Van Diemen's Land). Upon arriving into Perth in July 2007 I decided to make this series about how English has successfully been used by Aboriginal people through time to communicate with clarity.