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BOOMERANGS

Contrary to popular belief, not all boomerangs are of the returning type. There are several types of boomerangs each used for hunting, fighting, sporting and ceremonial purposes respectively.

RETURNING boomerangs are deeply curved often symmetrical, the lower surface being flat and the upper surface convex. When spun as it is thrown, it follows a wide arc to return to the thrower.

FIGHTING AND HUNTING boomerangs are more slightly curved than the returning kind, are made of heavy wood decorated at times with a fluted or ochred surface. Hook boomerangs used for these purposes have long sweeping arms with a distinctive hook on one end designed to catch a shield, spear or other protective device and swing around it to strike the enemy.