

What If You Had To Live Here?

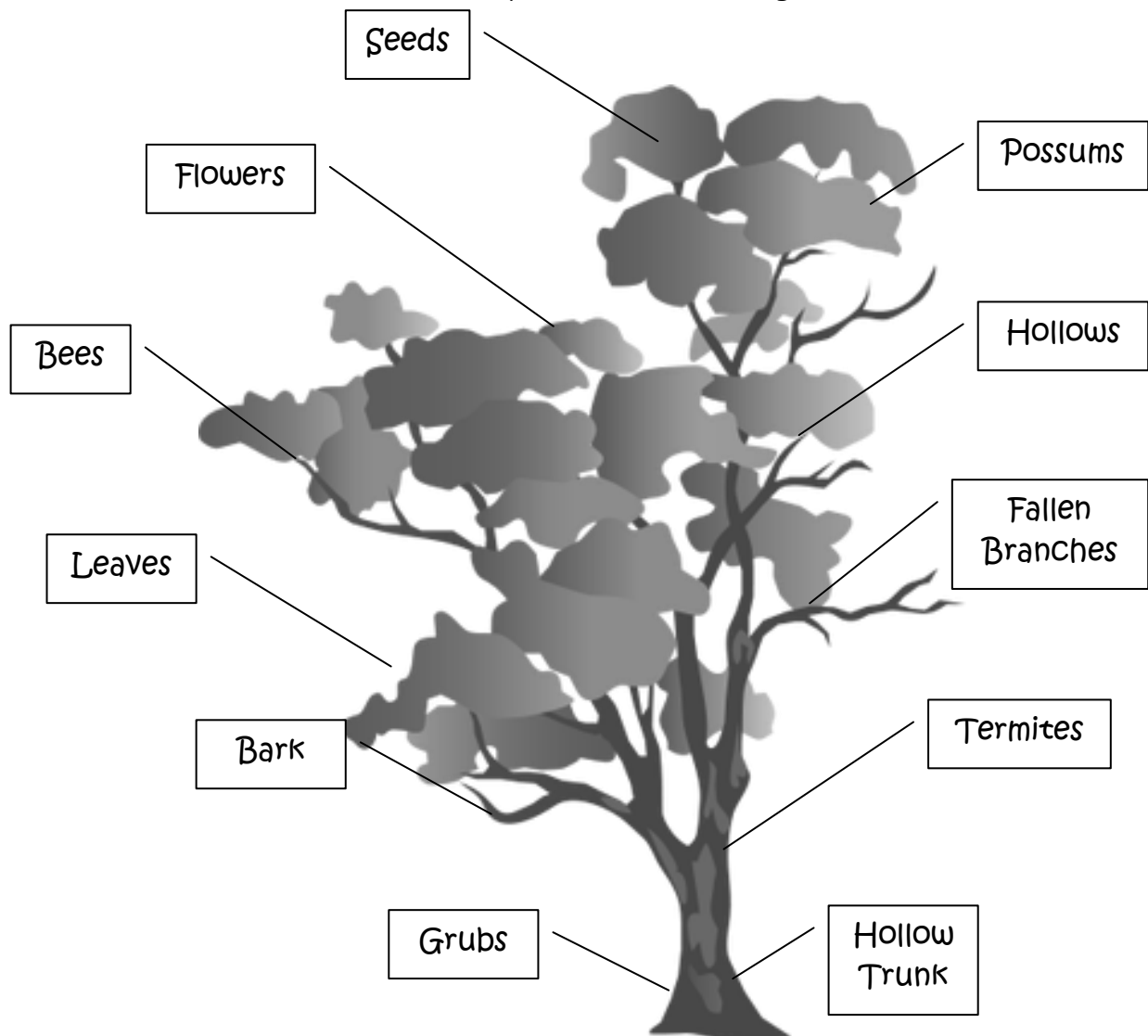
Aborigines have lived in Australia for over 40 000 years and in all that time they survived by getting everything they needed for a healthy life from the land and they did so in a way that was sustainable. The Urrbrae Wetland is planted with over 100 different plant species that would have been in this area during that time and Aborigines would have used areas like this to find what they needed. Could you do this?



Below is a picture of a River Red Gum, a tree widely used by Aboriginal people across Australia, and the names of different things it can provide are written around it.



For each one, write down what you think the Aborigines could have used it for.



Your task today is to walk around the wetland and find the useful plants listed on the next page. Once you find them discuss how you think the Aborigines may have used them and then write the groups answers in the space provided.



Cyperus



Lerps



Flax Lilly



Kangaroo Grass



Native Lilac



Galls



Sweet Apple Berry



Golden Wattle



She-oaks



Saltbush

