



The First Eleven were the first Australian cricket team to tour England. They toured in 1868 and the team was made up of Indigenous Australian men. Below are several statements about the team. Research each one and write true or false next to it, depending on the accuracy of the statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The First Eleven were inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The First Eleven were from Aboriginal communities around Australia.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Aboriginals skills in bush hunting and survival helped them to succeed in cricket.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Station managers discouraged Aboriginals from playing cricket.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ In 1866, Tom Wills captained an Aboriginal team a in a match on Christmas Day at the MCG.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The First Eleven wore traditional cricket whites during their matches.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The First Eleven won 14 games, lost 14 and drew 19 during their tour of England.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Johnny Mullagh made 1698 runs at the best team average of 23.65

Source: Cricket Australia website: <http://www.cricket.com.au/get-involved/play-cricket/diversity/indigenous/history-of-indigenous-cricket>

Answers: 1. True, 2. False, 3. True, 4. False, 5. False, 6. False, 7. True, 8. True.