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Celebrating Culture – Language

Before the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, at least 250 languages (with at least 750 dialects) were spoken by Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This language is reflected in the place names of numerous towns, waterways, mountain ranges, deserts and forests around Australia, which all have names originating from the local Indigenous language.

Task:

Match the correct place name with its correct Indigenous meaning.

Caboolture (QLD)	cold plains
Coolangatta (QLD)	water hole
Parramatta (NSW)	honeysuckle
Wagga Wagga (NSW)	place of the rat kangaroo
Canberra (ACT)	place of the silky pears
Tuggeranong (ACT)	meeting place
Ballarat (VIC)	place of many crows
Geelong (VIC)	ice
Parattah (TAS)	place of the carpet snake ice
Coonawarra (SA)	resting place
Tanunda (SA)	place where the eel lies down
Kalgoorlie (WA)	plenty of tucker and good things
Mullaloo (WA)	place of cliffs
Noonamah (NT)	beautiful place

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Answers

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