

## Creative Solutions

The organisers of the strike had to be creative and determined.

Below are some challenges they encountered:

match them to their solutions by writing the corresponding letter in the empty box.

Read carefully... you need to find the solution that is the closest match for each challenge.

Challenges		Solution	
1. Aboriginal workers came from many different tribes and language groups.	F	A	<i>Student answer – mark individually</i>
2. Workers were spread across a vast area in the Pilbara, without an easy way to communicate to each other about when to strike.	D	B	Word of mouth was used to pass information. Workers were taught how to use a calendar.
7. Worker's requests for better conditions were ignored by station owners.	H	C	The leaders of the strike met with trusted white supporters who spread the news in letters, news articles and public talks.
3. Workers were not allowed to leave the station without special permission, unless it was a special event.	E	D	Workers were given tin cans with a rough calendar drawn on it. They used that to mark the full moons, so they knew when the strike was.
4. Many workers did not read or write in Standard Australian English, so written communication was limited.	B	E	Regional events where people were allowed to come together (such as races, wool transporting, cultural events) were used to meet and plan
5. Government and police did not want workers to congregate or organise any civic actions (such as protest meetings).	G	F	Leaders were elected who had family from different places and knew many Aboriginal languages
6. Government and police did not want other people around the country finding out about the strikes.	C	G	Strike organisers met in secret and visited stations by night (and/or in disguise) to avoid detection
<i>Student answer – mark individually</i>		H	Refusing to work would force the station owners to listen, because they relied on the free labour to keep the stations running.

Can you think of another challenge + solution that you can add?