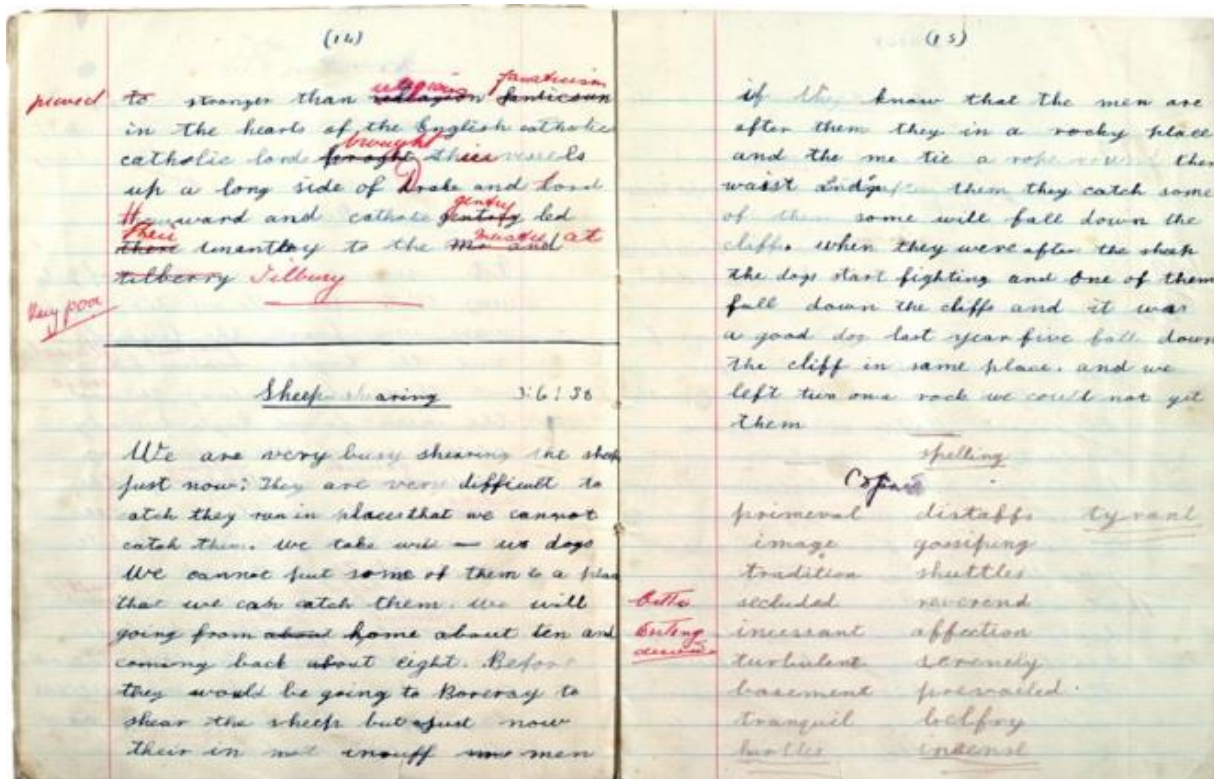


Exercise book belonging to Donald Gillies, a pupil at St Kilda Primary School, including essays on sheep rearing and visits to Boreray, 16 Apr-24 Jun 1930

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Transcription of 'Sheep shearing' passage pp.14-15



We are very busy shearing the sheep just now. They are very difficult to catch. They run in places that we cannot catch them. We take with us dogs. We cannot put some of them to a place that we can catch them. We will [be] going from home about ten and coming back about eight. Before they would be going to Boreray to shear the sheep but just now there is nor inouff [enough] men. If they knew that the men are after them they [go] in a rocky place and the men tie a rope round their waist and go after them. They catch some of them, some will fall down the cliff. When they were after the sheep the dogs start fighting and one of them fell down the cliffs and it was a good dog. Last year five fell down the cliff in [the] same place and we left two on a rock. We could not get them.