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THE ROADHOUSE TO NOWHERE

Dan Farrell

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Reading Recovery Level: 17

Word count: 4700

Content: Fiction, storytelling.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English-literacy, Social Sciences.

General Capabilities:

Literacy, critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability.

Author Bio:

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1. Growing Up in the Bush
2. Teen Adventures
3. Getting a Job
4. Working in the Outback
5. The Roadhouse
6. Meeting the Locals
7. Back to the City
8. Jungala Forever



1. Growing Up in the Bush

Growing up in the country in Western Australia was a lot of fun. It was not the same as living in a town or city. Other people were a long way off and there were not many people around the farm. I had lots of friends and many things to do. We could visit each other on our farms and go hunting for pigs and rabbits. We had horses to ride and off-road motorbikes. The cattle farms were very large, and it was nearly 10 kilometres just to the mailbox. Western Australia is a very large state.





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BUSHRANGERS!

Captain Thunderbolt

Sharlene G Coombs

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Reading Recovery Level: 19

Word Count: 1948

Content: Historical Recount, Description, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

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1. The First Bushrangers
2. Famous Bushrangers – Ned Kelly
3. Captain Thunderbolt's Beginnings
4. Trouble With the Law!
5. Escape!
6. Hands Up!
7. The Gentleman Bushranger
8. Thunderbolt's Hideouts
9. Thunderbolt's Death
10. Thunderbolt's Grave
11. Thunderbolt – the Legend



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1. The First Bushrangers

When you hear the word “bushranger”, what do you think of? A bushranger was a criminal who lived in the Australian bush. Australia used to have many bushrangers.

The first bushrangers were convicts who escaped from convict settlements. They hid in the Australian bush and lived off the land. Sometimes they stole from people.

Free settlers were also sent to Australia from places like Ireland. The Governor used them for cheap labour.

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MURPHY, CARE DOG

Dogs Can Do Many Things

Thomas James

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Reading Recovery Level: 14

Word Count: 1734

Content: Recount, Description, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

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1. Who is Murphy?
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3. Murphy and Friends
4. Training a Care Dog
5. Feeding and Caring for Murphy

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1. Who is Murphy?

Murphy is an Australian Shepherd. This dog breed is very popular in America. Their size is medium to big. They are very smart and can run very fast.

Australian Shepherds make very good pets. They will protect their owners and are very brave and loyal.

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THE BOY IN BUCHENWALD

A Victim's Survival Story

R.T. Watts



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Reading Recovery Level: 19

Word Count: 1670

Content: Historical Recount, Explanation, Report.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

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2. Hitler
3. Farm Work
4. Escape
5. Capture and Train Journey
6. Buchenwald
7. The Hunger
8. The Experiment
9. The Cold
10. Freedom





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This is not my story. This story was told to me by a man named Steffan 30 years ago. I was honoured that he thought me worthy to talk with for a day. He wanted me to write his story. I am sorry to Steffan that it has taken so long.

This story is about Poland during World War II and what happened to Steffan in the concentration camps. It is not a happy story but tells how important it is to try hard to get what you need. Steffan lived through hell, but he never gave up.



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MY WILD FARM

Working with Nature

R.T. Watts

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25

Reading Recovery Level: 15

Word Count: 1440

Content: Personal recount, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

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2. Farm Animals Vs Wildlife!
3. Forest Clearing
4. Rewilding

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1. Farm Adventures!

This story began when I was a boy. On holidays, I went to either a farm, or to the beach. My uncle and aunt had a farm that I loved to visit. I was always up early to help my uncle on his jobs. We looked after the sheep and the cattle.

I loved the big open skies and nature all around us. I loved the clean air and the great food that was cooked. I dreamed that one day I would live and work on a farm.

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CLEVER CATS!

Amazing Cat Adventures

Robyn P. Watts

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Reading Recovery Level: 15

Word Count: 1893

Content: Descriptive Report, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

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1. About Cats
2. Cats are Everywhere!
3. Looking at Cats
4. Looking after Cats
5. Cats as Pets
6. Training Cats

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1. About Cats

We all know cats. We see them at windows or out walking. Cats make good pets. Do you have a cat as a pet? Do you want a cat? This book will help with your questions.

Cats have been with people for a long time. The only place where there are no cats is Antarctica. Worldwide, there are about one billion cats. Some of these are wild cats and the rest are pets.

The top cat lovers are North America, Japan, China, and Russia. All sorts of people own cats, from leaders of countries, to the young and old, and the rich and poor. Cats are cute, cuddly, and easy to look after.



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INFERNO!

The Nymboida Bushfires

Izzy Weeks

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Reading Recovery Level: 16

Word Count: 830

Content: Personal Recount

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Sustainability; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures.

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1. The Calm Before the Firestorm
2. A Bad Feeling
3. Evacuate!
4. The Worst News
5. Destruction Everywhere!
6. A Slow Recovery
7. A Helping Hand



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1. The Calm Before the Firestorm

November 8th, 2019 started out like any other day. It was a hot morning in my village of Nymboida in Northern NSW. Summer had come early.

The wildlife was out and about. The birds were chirping. It wasn't long before school was finished for the year.

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EXTREME TASSIE TREKKING!

Sharlene G Coombs

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Reading Recovery Level: 17

Word Count: 1780 words

Content: Personal Recount, Description, Explanation

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures; Sustainability.

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Contents

1. The “Apple Isle”
2. Planning and Preparation
3. Flying in to Melaleuca
4. Louisa River
5. Up and Over the Ironbonds!
6. Beach Walking and Rowboats
7. Granite Beach
8. South Cape Rivulet
9. Almost There!



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1. The “Apple Isle”

I love Tasmania! It’s a small island but a great place to visit. It has amazing wildlife and epic landscapes.

Tassie people are very friendly and love their little island. They are very proud to call the “Apple Isle” their home.

One of the most amazing things about Tassie is the wilderness. I love getting out into nature and exploring. There’s no better place to do this!



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WANDERING ANIMALS

Migration Stories from the Animal World

Sharlene C. Coombs

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Reading Recovery Level: 19

Word Count: 1486 words

Content: Description, Explanation

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science;
Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Sustainability.

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Contents

1. What is Animal Migration?
2. Why do Animals Migrate?
3. When do Animals Migrate?
4. Humpback Whales
5. Wildebeest
6. Christmas Island Red Crab
7. Green Turtle
8. Migration Challenges





1. What is Animal Migration?

Animals are very clever! Some animals can survive with little food and water. If they run short of food or water, some animals even know where to find it.

Some animals even return to the place where they were born. This can be thousands of kilometres away. This is called animal migration.

Migration means to travel a long distance from one place to another. Some animals have been migrating for thousands of years. Why do you think they do this?

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THE LOADED DOG

by Henry Lawson

Adapted by R. T. Watts



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Reading Recovery Level: 18

Word Count: 2710

Content: Story-telling with humour.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; History; Australian studies.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Historical and Indigenous perspectives.

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Rob Watts has adapted Henry Lawson's original text to simplify for literacy purposes. Rob has written in journals, texts, workbooks and online content. Rob has a science degree from Macquarie University, Sydney, an MBA from The University of Queensland, Brisbane, and a teaching diploma from Sturt University, Bathurst.

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Contents

1. About Henry Lawson
1867-1922
2. Working on the Goldfields
3. Fishing in the Goldfields
4. Tommy
5. Run, Andy! Run!
6. Jim Hides in a Hole
7. Dave Runs to the Pub
8. The Yellow Dog
9. Bang!



1. About Henry Lawson 1867-1922

This is a short story written by Henry Lawson. It is a very funny story written about a place called Stony Creek. This was on the New South Wales goldfields. Henry Lawson spent his childhood with his parents in the goldfields of NSW. He knew the people and the very hard life that they lived. Things were tough and the work was dangerous and hard. He was one of the first Australian authors to tell stories about the ordinary people of the colony. He wasn't writing to impress British people, he simply wrote for the people of Australia. He was regarded very highly for his writings and poetry. He would go to the pubs in Sydney and recite his poetry in return for a free beer. He died in Sydney in 1922. The *Loaded Dog* is a funny story of a silly dog who makes a lot of trouble.



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BMX CHAMP

Acrobats on a Bike

Thomas James



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Reading Recovery Level: 14

Word Count: 1668

Content: Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

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Contents

1. What is BMX?
2. What Can You Do With a BMX?
3. Safety with BMX Riding
4. Buying a BMX Bike
5. Looking After Your BMX

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1. What is BMX?

BMX means Bike Motocross.

Motocross is racing motorbikes on a dirt track. BMX is for racing bikes, not motorbikes.

BMX racing started in California over 50 years ago. The wheel of a normal BMX bike is only 20 inches. It is a smaller bike and suits younger riders.

These days, races take place on a dirt track or in a skate park. The track is made to test your skills. It has hills and turns to push you and your bike to the limit!



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FRANKENSTEIN

C. White Adapting the
original by Mary Shelley

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Reading Recovery Level: 17

Word Count: 4077

Content: Fiction and Sci-Fi

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English and Literacy

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Contents

1. Trapped in the Ice
2. About Victor Frankenstein
3. Victor Builds a Whole Person
4. Victor Had Created a Monster
5. William Had Been Murdered
6. Victor Meets the Monster
7. The Monster Leaves for Geneva
8. Victor Starts Work on a Second Monster
9. The Monster Attacks Again
10. Victor Chases the Monster to the Arctic



1. Trapped on the Ice

Captain Robert Walton and his men had been sailing north. They were sailing for the North Pole. They became trapped in the ice. There was ice all around them.

They saw a huge man. He was being pulled across the ice on a dog sled. The man moved quickly and soon disappeared.

The next morning the ship was no longer trapped. Another man was trapped on a large piece of ice. He also had a dog sled.

The man only came onto the ship because they were sailing north. Walton thought he should have been glad to see any ship! Walton had never seen a man in such bad shape.

This man, Victor Frankenstein, had a tale to warn Walton.



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MESSAGES IN A BOTTLE

Robyn P. Watts

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Reading Recovery Level: 17

Word count: 4700

Content: Fiction, storytelling.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English-literacy, Social Sciences,

General Capabilities:

Literacy, critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability.

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Contents

1. Bottles from the Past
2. Time Capsules
3. An Old Message
4. Max's Message
5. Ghost Message from the Titanic!
6. Wedding Message
7. Sidonie's Story
8. Message in a Wall
9. Make Your Own



1. Bottles from the Past

A bottle seems like the wrong way to send a message. The message may get wet. The bottle may break on the rocks or against the side of a boat.

Imagine if you were to write a letter and it was found 10 or 20 years later! What about if the letter was found 100 years from now and was found by your grandson? What a surprise that would be!

Hi, my name is Montana, the year is 2020, July 6th.
If you get this letter throw it back into the sea.
This bottle is from Australia.

Bye XOXO



A large whale, likely a humpback whale, is breaching the water in a field of ice floes. The whale's back and head are visible above the water, showing characteristic bumps and a dark, mottled pattern. The water is a deep blue, and the ice floes are white and scattered across the surface. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky.

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WHALES!

The Gentle Giants

Robyn P. Watts

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Reading Recovery Level: 17

Word Count: 1712

Content: Description, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Sustainability

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Contents

1. What are Whales?
2. What Did Whales Come From?
3. Whales are Mammals
4. What Do Whales Eat?
5. Where Do Whales Go?
6. Can Whales Talk?
7. Looking After Whales
8. Why We Need Whales





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1. What are Whales?

Whales, porpoises, and dolphins are special animals. Whales are cetaceans. Some cetaceans are the largest animals on Earth.

The Blue Whale can be over 33 metres long. Cetaceans can weigh up to 100 tonnes. This is about the same size as 60 Land Cruisers!



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BUDDY, RAT TERMINATOR

A Little Friend with a Big Heart

Sharlene G. Coombs

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Reading Recovery Level: 18

Word Count: 1598

Content: Personal Recount, Description, Explanation

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

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Contents

1. Meet Buddy!
2. Why Tenterfield?
3. Working Dogs
4. Great Hunters!
5. Rat Invasion!
6. Call in the Rat Pack!
7. The Great Plague of London
8. Modern Day Rat Problems



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1. Meet Buddy!

This cute little dog is my best friend. His name is Buddy. He is a Tenterfield Terrier.

There are many different breeds of terriers. You may know Jack Russell or Fox Terriers. Buddy is a bit like those dogs. The main differences are his longer legs and longer snout.

Buddy is 12 years old. This is quite old for a dog. However, his age hasn't slowed him down at all!



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GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

C. White Adapting the
original by Jonathan Swift



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36

Reading Recovery Level: 18

Word Count: 2,575

Content: Fiction, historical recount, satire.

ACARA F-10 References: Literacy and English studies.

Learning Areas:

English, Literacy, Humanities and Social Sciences.

General Capabilities:

Literacy and comparative cultures.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Asia.

Some useful references via QR codes:

Gulliver's Travels ebook (Project Gutenberg Australia):



Fleischer Brothers Animated Film (YouTube):



Study Notes (Smart English Notes):



Further information on Lilliput and Blefuscu (Wikipedia):



Contents

1. Shipwreck
2. Captured on the Island of Lilliput
3. Gulliver Wakes Up
4. Gulliver is Free Again
5. Troubles in the Kingdom
6. Blefuscu at War with Lilliput
7. Peace with Blefuscu
8. Gulliver Leaves for Blefuscu
9. Gulliver Leaves for England





1. Shipwreck

Lemuel Gulliver was a doctor. He could not get enough work. He went to work out at sea.

In 1699, Gulliver was on a ship sailing to the East Indies. The East Indies is now called Indonesia. The ship hit a bad storm. The wind was so strong it pushed the boat into a big rock. The ship broke apart on the rock.

Gulliver made it to a lifeboat with some other men. The lifeboat tipped over and Gulliver had to swim! He lost sight of the other men.

He let the water carry him. It carried him a long way.

Gulliver found solid sand beneath the water. He walked slowly to shore.



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POPPY, POLICE DOG

Talented Friends When Needed

Thomas James



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Reading Recovery Level: 15

Word Count: 1393

Content: recount, descriptive report, explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

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1. Who is Poppy and Where Did He Come From?
2. The Labrador Dog Breed
3. Labradors as Guide Dogs
4. Poppy's Job with the Police
5. Poppy's New Life and Friends
6. Poppy Loves Eating!
7. Dangerous Food for Dogs
8. Poppy's Tricks and Helpful Ways





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1. Who is Poppy and Where Did He Come From?

Poppy is a big, happy, and friendly Labrador. Labradors are a breed of dog.

The Labrador breed started in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

Labradors were used for hunting and retrieving. The dogs would jump into the icy waters to retrieve ducks and seals. The dogs could handle the cold water and ice. They also loved to swim.



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DRACULA

C. White Adapting the
original by Bram Stoker

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38

Reading Recovery Level: 14

Word Count: 3950

Content: Fiction, Sci-Fi

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English and Literacy

General Capabilities:

English and Literacy

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Contents

1. Jonathan Leaves to Meet the Count
2. Leaving for Castle Dracula
3. Meeting Count Dracula
4. Trapped at Castle Dracula
5. Safe in Budapest
6. Lucy Is Sick
7. Is Lucy a Vampire?
8. Searching for Dracula
9. Dracula Escapes
10. The End of Count Dracula



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1. Jonathan Leaves to Meet the Count.

The strange Count Dracula wished to purchase an old house in England. Jonathan Harker, a young lawyer, travelled to meet the Count. He would help with the sale.

Jonathan Harker
May 3rd

Hey Mina. I just arrived in Budapest. 😊
Budapest is an interesting city. It feels like you're leaving Western Europe and entering the East.

Next stop is Bistritz. From there I'll go to Castle Dracula to meet the Count. I don't know why he's making me travel all this way. Email would be so much easier. 😞

Not sure if my phone has signal. Let me know if you get this message.



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ALIENS –

THE NEVER ENDING STORY!

Stories of Close Encounters

Rebyn P. Watts

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Reading Recovery Level: 20

Word Count: 1898

Content: Descriptive Report, Explanation, Recount.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

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1. About UFOs and UAPs
2. Ancient Encounters
3. Types of Encounters
4. Westall Encounter
5. Ariel School Encounter
6. Area 51
7. The Silence

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1. About UFOs and UAPs

Who has not read or heard a story about UFOs and UAPs? There are so many stories about aliens and space. What are UFOs and UAPs? A UFO means an Unidentified Flying Object. Scientists now call them UAPs. This means Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon.

People say they have seen flying objects, strange moving lights, and even strange beings. How many of these stories are true? We do not know the answer. If you see something strange, does that make it a UFO or UAP?





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UAPs are not just seen in one area. Strange objects have been seen all over the world. There have been stories of strange objects and beings throughout history. Many people believe they have seen UAPs.

Not only are these UAPs seen across the world, but also back through history. There are stories of strange beings and objects in many stories. These UAPs were even seen in ancient times.



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CROCS AND GATORS!

Living Dinosaurs

Sharlene G Coombs

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Reading Recovery Level: 19

Word Count: 1480

Content: Recount, Description, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

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Contents

1. Living Dinosaurs
2. Where Crocs and Gators Live
3. How are they Similar?
4. How are they Different?
5. Ambush Hunters!
6. Are they Endangered?
7. Close Calls with Crocs!
8. Close Calls with Gators!
9. Croc and Gator Tourism





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1. Living Dinosaurs

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like when dinosaurs roamed the Earth? Imagine if you could travel back in time to 235 million years ago. You would see lots of different dinosaurs!

Some dinosaurs lived on land. Others lived in water. Some lived on land and in the water. Around this time, a special group of reptiles formed from these dinosaurs. They were called the crocodilians.



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TEACHERS' RESOURCE

Sharlene G. Coombs

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Chapter book formats, mature presentation and striking visuals ensure that upper primary and secondary learning support students are appropriately challenged and engaged, and most importantly, keen to continue their reading journey by exploring more titles within the series.

Many topics focus on how goal-setting, determination, patience, persistence, and resilience can bring about achievement in all sorts of fields... strategies that help plant the seed for each student's path to their own unique achievements.

This Teachers' Resource has been designed to help your students engage in deeper learning opportunities through literacy activities that link with the stories. Activities include:

- Spelling and vocabulary development
- Sentence structure and dictionary work
- Oral language
- Comprehension
- Writing

Various **ACARA F-10** references are also addressed in each of the stories.

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The Roadhouse 21 To Nowhere

Word Bank

adventures	spreading	quietly	listened
exploring	travellers	scenery	remotely
hospitals	hundred	tentacles	electrician
strength	important	refrigerator	crocodiles
competition	straight	boarding	ceremonies
generator	beautiful	kilometre	
sprinklers	interesting	distance	

Say each word out loud, breaking it down into syllables.
Write the number of syllables beside each word.

1

Spelling Builder

Add the missing letters to the list words below:

_ m _ o _ t _ n _

c _ r _ m _ n _ e _

_ e _ t _ c _ e _

s _ r _ a _ i _ g

2

Vocab Builder – Word Maze

Find the following list words in the maze:

strength straight quietly distance
scenery listened travellers boarding

R	E	S	D	A	L	I	H	R	A	C	I
H	S	T	R	E	N	G	T	H	T	U	E
C	C	E	Q	T	I	R	O	A	Y	N	L
O	E	S	T	R	A	I	G	H	T	G	A
D	N	B	O	A	R	D	I	N	G	Q	E
R	E	A	U	V	G	U	L	T	A	U	P
E	R	I	T	E	S	A	S	N	G	I	N
B	Y	D	Y	L	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
N	T	U	S	L	C	E	I	O	D	T	V
A	D	B	H	E	V	E	B	G	R	L	E
Q	S	A	S	R	O	L	I	R	M	Y	P
M	R	D	I	S	T	A	N	C	E	S	E

3

Dictionary Work

Sort the following list words in alphabetical order from 1 to 8. Write the 4th word below:

remotely competition sprinklers ceremonies
quietly distance exploring hundred

4th word: _____

Which word has the same meaning as wandering? _____

Name: _____

Bushrangers! 22

Captain Thunderbolt

Word Bank

bushranger	policemen	tollbars	community
criminal	armour	popular	plaque
Australia	captured	disappeared	celebrate
settlements	Melbourne	constable	museum
Governor	Thunderbolt	exhausted	respects
protected	excellent	surrender	
outlaws	discovered	cemetery	

Say each word out loud, breaking it down into syllables.
Write the number of syllables beside each word.

1

Spelling Builder

Add the missing letters to the list words below:

_ i _ a _ p _ a _ e _

c _ m _ t _ r _

_ r _ m _ n _ l

_ e _ p _ c _ s

2

Vocab Builder – Compound Words

Thunderbolt is a compound word:

Thunder / bolt

Find 4 other compound words from the list:

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

3

Sentence Work

Choose the correct list words to complete the sentences below:

_____ was a _____. He was an
_____ horseman. The _____ of Uralla
_____ his life each year.

