William The Wild Goes Camping

Teacher's Notes



SCIENCE RESEARCH

Australia is an island. This means it is isolated from the other continents of the world. Many plants, animals, birds and insects developed uniquely to Australia.

Marsupials

Some unique Australian animals are called marsupials. This is because they have a pouch to suckle their babies.

- Can you name some of these Australian marsupials?
- Which marsupials can you find in William the Wild Goes Camping?

Monotremes

Some Australian mammals are called monotremes. These animals are very unique to only Australia. They lay eggs instead of giving birth to their young. They suckle their babies in a nest.

- Can you name these two Australian monotremes.
- Can you find a monotreme in William the Wild Goes Camping.

LANGUAGE

Magic of the Night

Imagine you are camping in the bush. The bush is lit by moonlight and you are lying still in your sleeping bag in your tent. You are near a lake, surrounded by bush that is teeming with wildlife.

• Describe all the sounds you can hear in the bush. Use a variety of descriptive words such as: Soft, loud, piecing, gentle, low, grunting, rumbling, eerie, scary, frightening, peaceful, persistant, annoying, irritating, droning, echo... etc

Games

William the Wild created an imaginary game of "doing what each animal does" while his family were bush walking.

Imagine you are playing in the bush with friends. Playing the games that children love to play, for example - hide and seek, climbing trees, building cubbies, riding bikes, imaginary places.

• Draw and describe your game. Use very descriptive words or action pictures.

Music

William the Wild Goes Camping is a rhyming book.

• Create a melody to fit in the rhyme and turn the story into a song.