

English

Monday 11th January 2021

Today you will find out all about wombats, learn to recognise different types of texts and answer some questions about a text. There's also a vocabulary challenge for you to complete.



Monday's activities

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer –
Please read this page with
your child and check that
you are happy with what
they have to do and with any
weblinks or use of the Internet



1. Reading time

Look at the pictures on '**Wombats**' and carefully read the text about these intriguing Australasian animals. You'll find it on **pages 8 and 9**. You will find some **key words** on **page 5** that will help you understand the text and a vocabulary challenge on **page 7**.

Discuss the text with your grown up. What was the most interesting thing you learned about wombats?

2. Different sorts of writing

Look at the list of different types of writing on '**Text Types**' on **page 11**.

Read each heading and its definition. Highlight all the headings that describe the kind of text that '**Wombats**' is.

Pssst! There is more than one. Check with the **Answers page** which is on **page 17**.

3. Answering questions

Look at the set of '**Wombat Questions**' on **pages 13 and 14**.

Read each question carefully.

Answer each question.

Go back and check in the text if you need to.

Re-read your answers to be sure you have said what you wanted to.

Make sure that you write your answers in full sentences using capital letters and full stops.

Use the text to help you with your spellings.



Reading

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Tell a grown up all about them



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Key Vocabulary

marsupial

A marsupial is an animal that gives birth to live young, which they then carry and feed in a pouch. A kangaroo is another example of a marsupial.

incisor teeth

The teeth at the front of your mouth.

continually

Does not stop.

predator

An animal that hunts and eats other animals.

gnaw

chew

nocturnal

A nocturnal animal is active at night and sleeps during the day.

excavate

This means to dig.

vegetation

plants.

These words will help you understand the text.



Vocabulary Challenge

Activity 2: A word Map



Your Task

Think about the word **gnaw**. It is a **verb** (action word) that means **eat**. Can you think of any other verbs that also mean eat. A good example might be **nibble**.

Can you think of any other words that mean **the opposite** of eat. Good examples might be **starve or hunger**.

Complete the word web on the next page with your ideas.

Synonym

= a word that means **the same**

Antonym

= a word that means **the opposite**.

Vocabulary Task

Activity 2: A word Map



You might also want to create a 'Word Rap'! Have a look at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=428I9PIED_I to find out how.



My Word Map

Draw a picture

Use it in a sentence

gnaw

Explain what it means

Make a list of synonyms (words that mean the same)

Make a list of antonyms (words that mean the opposite)

Wombats



What is a wombat?

Wombats are short-legged, muscular marsupials. A marsupial is an animal that gives birth to live young, which they then carry and feed in a pouch. Wombats can grow to about 1 metre long and can weigh as much as 30kg (which is the same as 200 bananas!).

Where do wombats live?

Wombats live in Australia and some of the small islands surrounding Australia.

What do wombats eat?

Wombats are mainly nocturnal and emerge at night to feed on grasses, herbs, bark and roots. The incisor teeth of a wombat are continually growing, so to keep them in check wombats gnaw on bark and tough vegetation.

Why do wombats burrow?

Wombats have wide, barrel shaped bodies and strong feet with long claws which mean they are made for digging. Wombats excavate extensive systems of tunnels and chambers called burrows. Wombats sleep, rest and raise their family in the burrow.

What's special about a wombat?

A wombat's pouch is unusual among marsupials because it faces backwards towards the rump (the area around its bottom). This is so the wombat won't spray mud into the pouch when it is digging.



Wombats have a tough rump. When they feel threatened, a wombat will dive into a tunnel, blocking the entrance with its rump. The sturdy rump prevents predators from being able to remove and attack the wombat

Did you know?

Wombat poo is shaped like a cube. Using the scent from their poo and having cube shaped poo stops it from rolling away.

Did you spot
the key
vocabulary?

What type of text?

Activity 3: Different sorts of writing

Your Task

Look at the list of different types of writing listed on the next page.

Read each heading and its definition.

Highlight **all** the headings that describe the kind of text that *Wombats* is.



Pssst! There is more than one.

Check your
answers on page
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Highlight **all** the headings that describe the kind of text that *Wombats* is. Remember there's more than one! **You can just write your answers on paper.**

Text Types



Factual Factual texts give information and details about real people, things and places. A factual text is not a story.	Story A tale about made-up characters and places.	Information A text that gives you facts and details about a particular subject.	Poetry Poems have verses and often have rhymes in them. They sound a bit like songs.	Diary A text written by someone recounting what they did on a particular day.
Fiction Made-up stories. Fiction is the opposite of non-fiction.	Letter Letters and emails are messages written by one person to another. They often start <i>Dear ...</i> and have an address and a date at the top of the page.	Instructions Instructions tell you what to do. They use bossy language and list the things you need to do to achieve something.	Non-fiction Non-fiction texts are the opposite of fiction texts. They give factual information about real things.	Biography A biography is an account of a real person's life.

Comprehension

Activity 4: Answer questions about the text.

Your Task

Look at the set of 9 *Wombat Questions* *on the next two pages*.

Read each question carefully.

Answer each question.

Go back and check with the text of *Wombats* if you need to.

Re-read your answers to be sure you have said what you wanted to.

You must write your answers in full sentences using capital letters and full stops.



Questions

Write your answers on paper

1. Wombats can grow to be 1 metre in length. How many kilograms (kg) can they weigh?
2. What do wombats do to stop their incisor teeth growing too long?
3. The text says that 'Wombats excavate extensive systems of tunnels and chambers' in the ground. Copy out the word in the sentence which means the same thing as dig.
4. True or false? 'Marsupials have pouches that their young grow and feed in.' Circle either true or false.
5. True or false? 'Wombats eat frogs, mice and big insects.' Circle either true or false.
6. In your own words, say why the opening of a wombat's pouch faces away from its front paws.



7. Why is a wombat's poo cube shaped?

8. For what reason do wombats sometimes dive into their burrows and block the entrance with their sturdy rumps?

9. Write a caption to go with this picture



A caption is a sentence that tells you about a picture.



Can you make your caption amusing or funny?



Answers



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Wombats can weigh as much as 30kg.

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It is true.

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It is false. They eat grasses, herbs, bark and roots.

6. In your own words, say why the opening of a wombat's pouch faces away from its front paws.

A wombat's pouch faces backwards to stop mud getting into it when it is excavating a burrow.

7. Why is a wombat's poo cube shaped?

A wombat's poo is shaped like a cube to stop it rolling away.

8. For what reason do wombats sometimes dive into their burrows and block the entrance with their sturdy rumps?

Wombats do this to protect themselves from predators.

9. Write a caption to go with this picture



Answers to task 2

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Thank you for all your hard work today. I can't wait to see what you have done so don't forget to send your work to me using our class e-mail.

