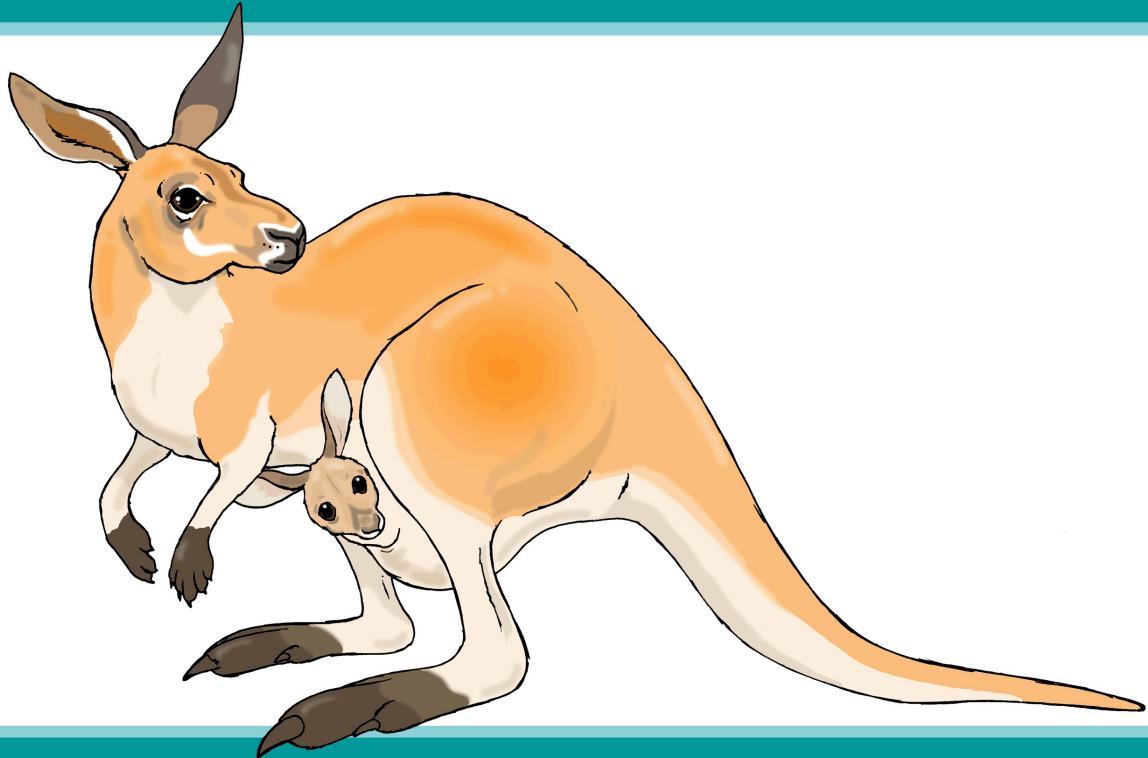


# The Outback



*Reading just got wild!*

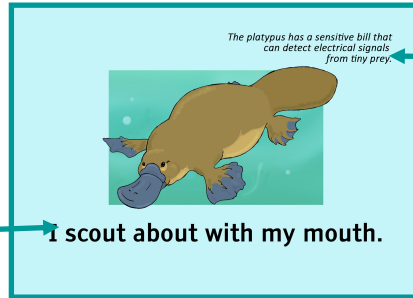


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# BEFORE YOU START...

The child reads the big, bold type. This contains the most common words, words that can be decoded or words containing the sound being learnt.



The text in the corner is just for the adult or reading partner. This is to develop the child's vocabulary and promote discussion.

# ou

Say "ou" (as in "out").

Say it **quiet**, say it **loud** and say it **silly**! Trace the letters with your finger... **Let's go!**

*Wombats have powerful front legs and long, tough claws with which to dig into the hard-baked Australian earth.*



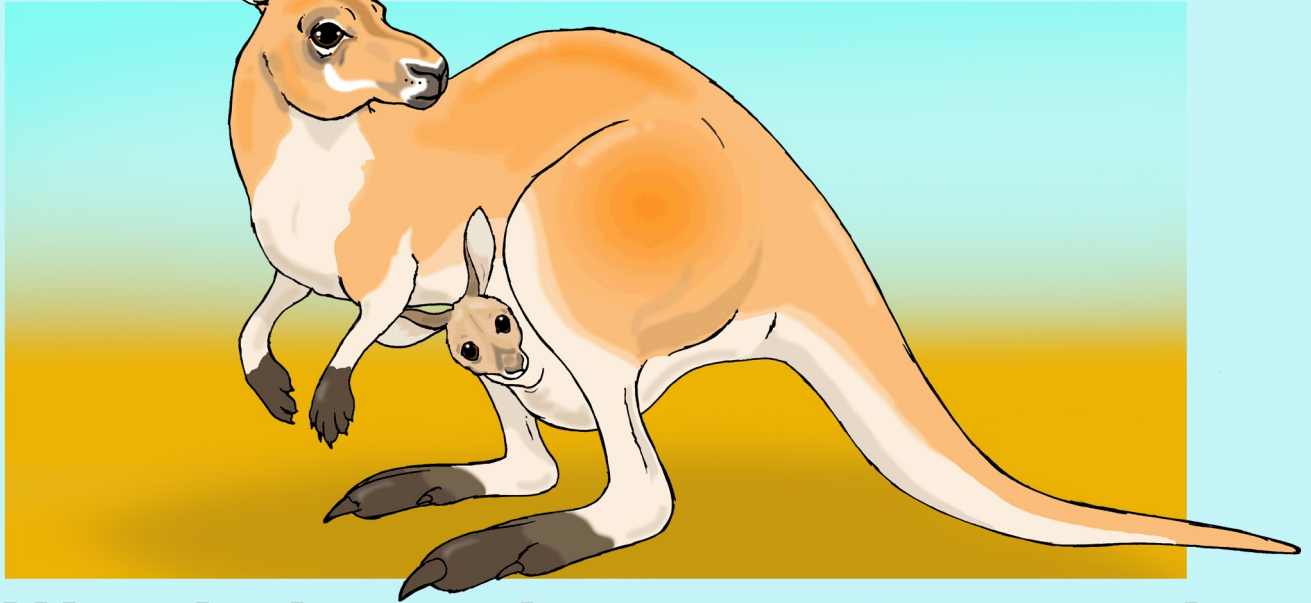
**A wombat is round and stout.**

*Echidnas have long, sticky tongues  
to collect the ants, termites and  
worms on which they feed.*



**My snout sniffs around for ants.**

*The female red kangaroo cares for  
her young (called a "joey") in a  
pouch on her tummy.*



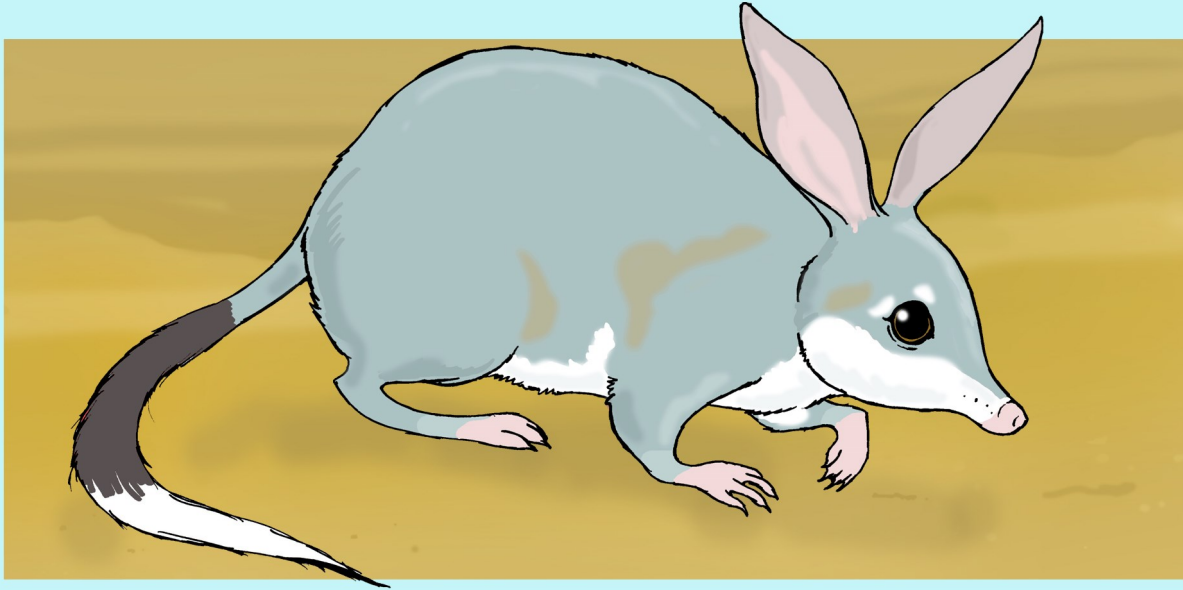
**I like it here in mum's pouch.**

*Koalas are excellent climbers who  
spend most of their time eating  
leaves from eucalyptus trees.*



**From up here I can scout about.**

*Bilbies scamper around the desert using  
their sensitive ears and noses  
to find a meal.*



**The bilby runs around on sand.**



*Kookaburra are famous for having an  
incredibly loud call that carries  
for vast distances.*



**I am proud of my loud sound.**

*The numbat has an extraordinarily long tongue  
which it uses to invade underground nests so that  
it may feed on ants.*



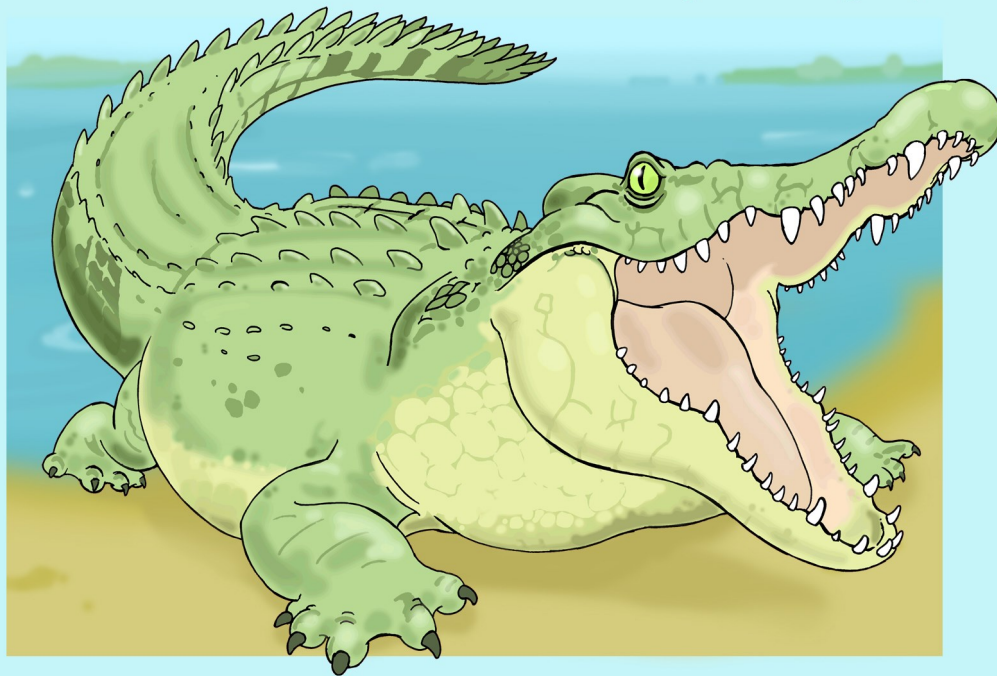
**A numbat dips in to ground.**

*The cassowary is a large flightless bird. The elaborately coloured males raise the chicks.*



**I am found on the ground.**

*Saltwater crocodiles are the biggest  
of all living reptiles on Earth.*



**Look out for my big mouth!**

*The platypus has a sensitive bill that  
can detect electrical signals  
from tiny prey.*



**I scout about with my mouth.**

shout out hour  
count found pound  
cloud loud about  
sound around our



**FAST FINGER FINDER CHALLENGE!**

How many randomly selected words can you find in 30 seconds?

**TRY TO BEAT YOUR SCORE!**



**THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES MAY BE PRINTED/ COPIED FOR USE IN SCHOOL OR HOME**

**Please use the most appropriate of the differentiated tasks as to suit the learner.**

**our**

**loud**

**stout**

**out**

**round**

**about**

**pouch**

**ground**

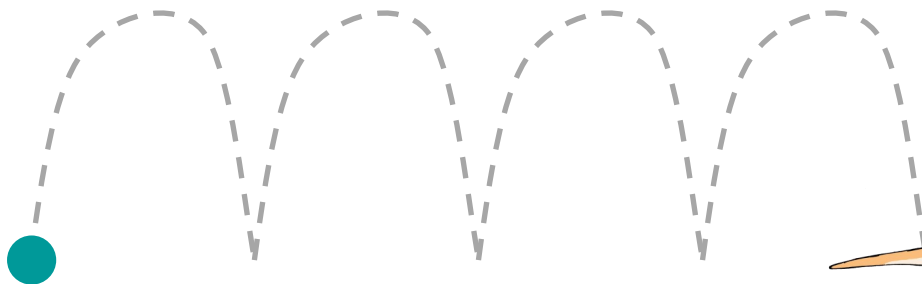
**around**

**mouth**

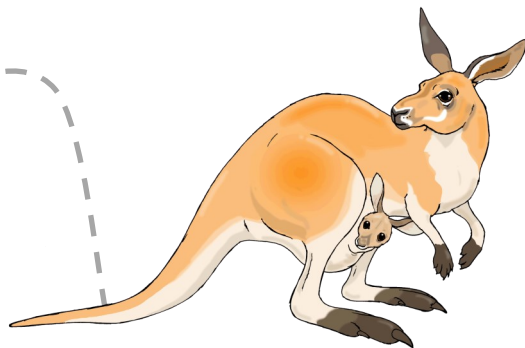


<b>ou</b>	<b>1st try</b>	<b>2nd try</b>	<b>3rd try</b>
<b>our</b>			
<b>out</b>			
<b>pound</b>			
<b>round</b>			
<b>sound</b>			
<b>proud</b>			
<b>mouth</b>			
<b>count</b>			
<b>ground</b>			
<b>around</b>			

# HANDWRITING



Hop along...



Can you jump like a kangaroo?



Trace the words, then transfer them on to the line.

out

out

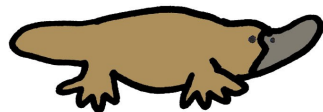
about



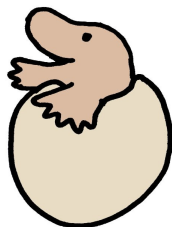
# WRITING



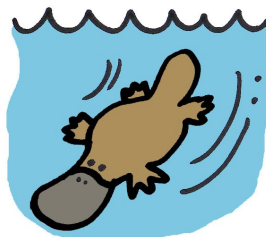
Can you use this word bank to create some sentences about the platypus?



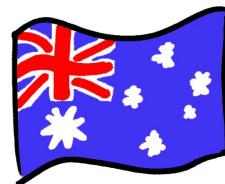
platypus



hatch



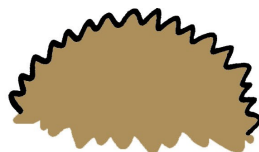
under water



Australia



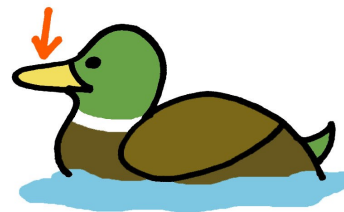
webbed feet



brown fur



flat tail



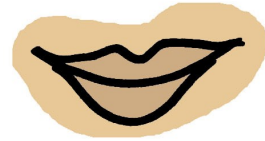
duck-bill

The lunch cost one \_\_\_\_\_ .



 We had to \_\_\_\_\_ before the start.

My \_\_\_\_\_ was full of food.



 We looked up at the big \_\_\_\_\_ .

The man \_\_\_\_\_ very \_\_\_\_\_ .



mouth    pound    count    loud    cloud    shouts





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"ou" like "out"

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