

Jumping Joeys

By Sarah Allen

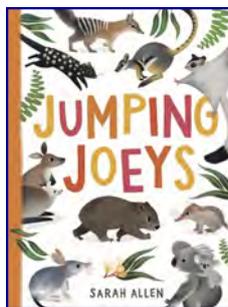
Publisher: Affirm Press

ISBN 9781922626004 SCIS:5375880

\$19.99

Journey through the night with some of Australia's most fascinating furry friends.

Meet waddling wombats, bounding bilbies, peculiar possums and daring devils in this delightful introduction to our cute and quirky marsupials.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Marsupials of Australia
- Routines
- Comparing and contrasting

Questions to ask before we begin reading:

- Have a look at the front cover; what do you think this book will be about?
- How many animals are on the cover?
- Do you know what these animals have in common?
- Do you know the names of any?
- Where do you think these animals live?

Questions to ask while we are reading:

Comprehension:

- What time of day is it at the beginning of this book? How does the sky change in the book? What time do you think it is at the end?
- Some of the marsupials in this book are nocturnal. What do you think nocturnal means?
- Can you find other animals that are awake at night with the nocturnal marsupials?
- Which marsupials are awake during the day? What do these marsupials do at night?
- Lots of the marsupials are looking for food. Can you spot some of the things that the marsupials are eating?
- Some marsupials eat other animals. This makes them predators and the animals they eat, their prey. But some marsupials are herbivores or omnivores. What does 'herbivore' and 'omnivore' mean? Can you spot a herbivore marsupial in this book? Flip to the glossary to find out what the marsupials eat and have a discussion about which marsupials are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Do some of the marsupials in this book live underground? Find examples to show whether this is or isn't true.

Knowledge and understanding of the world:

- Marsupials can live very different lives from each other. From this book, can you:
 - ◇ name the different places (habitats) that marsupials live in?
 - ◇ name the different foods that marsupials can eat? (Check the glossary for this one!)
- Which of the marsupials look similar?
- Depending on where you live in Australia, you might have seen some or many of these marsupials. Do you know which marsupials live near you? Which marsupials live far away from you?
- Complete the two activities attached:
 - ◇ Literacy activity: Learn about alliteration!
 - ◇ Comprehension activity: Compare and contrast!



Literacy activity: Learn about alliteration!

Alliteration occurs when two or more words start with the same sound. Using the words below, ask the students to compile creative phrases that use alliteration.

- | | | |
|------------|---------|-----------|
| wonderful | possum | questions |
| quirky | joey | gloats |
| joyful | bettong | delights |
| gluttonous | quokka | wanders |
| daring | wallaby | bounces |
| playful | devil | pounces |
| bold | glider | jumps |



Comprehension activity: Compare and contrast!

Ask students to choose a marsupial from *Jumping Joeys*. Give everyone a sticky note so that they can write their marsupial's name on it. The students should find someone in the class with a different nametag. In pairs, they should talk about what makes them similar and different. This will require them to look at *Jumping Joeys* and use the text, illustrations and glossary for clues. They can use the worksheet below to capture their conversation! After ten minutes, the pairs can be asked to share their experience with the class.

Marsupial name:

Marsupial name:

I like to eat

I like to eat

I live

I live

I am awake during the

I am awake during the

