

## BOOKS WE WILL READ



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# PROJECT READY!

## UNIT 7B: AUSTRALIA



In this unit, we wrap up our study of the continents with the smallest continent, Australia. Students explore two new habitats, the coral reef and the outback (or bush). The unit concludes with a focus on three common Australian animals, koalas, wombats, and kangaroos. All three are marsupials.

## UNIT OVERVIEW



## UNIT THEMES

- Australia: the continent and country
- The Great Barrier Reef
- The Outback/Bush
- Animals of Australia and their habitats

## VOCABULARY WORDS

**Australia-** the smallest continent

**continent-** a large piece of land, Earth has seven

**habitat-** an area with particular weather, where certain plants and animals live

**outback-** the part of Australia that is far from cities where not many people live

**savannah-** a large area of flat land with lots of grass and few trees

**ancient-**very old

**serpentine-** snake-like, curvy

**breeze-** gentle wind

**sprouting-** just beginning to grow

**venom-** poison that protects a creature

**nibble-** take small bites

**groom-** clean, take care of

Academically rich vocabulary words are chosen and taught from books read aloud in the unit.

Words are defined in language that is familiar to students and discussed within the read aloud routine. Words are also revisited throughout the day. The words above are a sampling of the words introduced in this unit. Use them in conversation with your student.

## LANGUAGE TIME

(WE BEGIN EACH DAY WITH THIS SONG)

Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree

*Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree*  
(make ASL sign for sit)

*Merry merry king of the bush is he*  
(hold hands above head as if placing a crown on head)

*Laugh, kookaburra, laugh, kookaburra*  
*Gay your life must be!*  
(rub belly as if you're laughing)

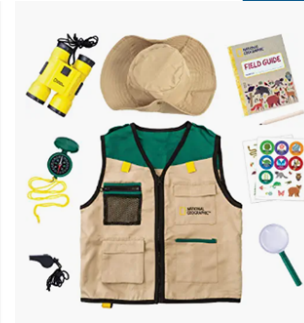
*Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree*  
(make ASL sign for sit)

*Eating all the gumdrops he can see*  
(bring fingers to mouth as if eating)

*Stop, kookaburra, stop, kookaburra*  
*Leave some there for me!*  
(hold up one hand as if it is a stop sign)

American Sign Language Guide  
Sit- 2 fingers on right hand tap 2  
straightened fingers on left hand

## PLAY



The popular vet center returns with a twist in this unit. The vet costume, tools, and naturalist costume bring their play to life. Students will pretend to be wildlife vets, taking care of a koala, a kangaroo, and their joeys. They will explore non-fiction books to learn more about the animals in their care.

## PRACTICE TOGETHER