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Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Happy writing! 🌿 🍄 🌸

Activity Sheet 1: The Great Bush Wardrobe Malfunction!

Theme: Fashion, Fluff, and Foliage 🌸

Age Group: 5–9 years

The Story Intro: Oh no! Pip the Fashionista Goat lent her backup outfit to **Enormous Emily Emu**, but a cheeky **Galah** flew off with the shiny silver teaspoon necklace!

Exercise 1: The Design Challenge (Drawing): Draw Emily Emu's new emergency outfit. It must *only* be made from things you can find in the bush.

Hide the cheeky galah somewhere in your picture!



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The Story Intro: Meanwhile, **Walter Wombat** tried to squeeze his bulky, heavy body into a windbreaker, but the zip stuck and now he is stuck inside the windbreaker. His legs and head are free, but he is leaning upside down against the trunk of a weeping wattle tree.

Exercise 2: The Design Challenge (Drawing): Draw **Walter Wombat** freeing himself from the neon windbreaker. He can only use his thoughts, bush things around him and the power of his body to free himself. He is alone in the bush.

(Hints: Think about the heavy muscle mass of a wombat and how strong they are and think about how fabric can tear)



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The Story Intro: Wilbur wombat is wearing his newly made scribbly gum bark shoes that go nicely with his ironbark leaves sunglasses. Pip is dancing in the paddock, twirling about showing off her skirt made of golden wattle flowers while wearing a crown of wild daisies on her head.

Exercise 3: Tick Checkboxes when you finish each drawing in the box below. *Hint: Who is doing what?*

Who Wears These Accessories: W _ _ _ _ _ W _ _ _ _ _

Scribbly gum bark shoes

Sunglasses made of Ironbark leaves

Who Wears These Accessories: P _ _

A skirt made of Golden Wattle flowers

A crown made of Wild Daisies

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Story Intro: Pip's two lamb dressers fall headlong onto the ground entangled in a feather boa. The echidna's quills pop the balloons attached to her party dress, just as fast as she replaces them. The kangaroo is running late for the party, but cannot find her keys, she knows she put them somewhere safe on herself, but where?

Exercise 4: Bush Vocabulary Match-Up: Match the animal to their fashion emergency!

The Lambs		Kept popping the balloons attached to a party dress
The Echidna		Lost keys somewhere on self
The Kangaroo		Entangled in a feathery boa disaster

Activity Sheet 2: The Bush-Currency Bakery

Theme: Scented Leaf Trading & Creative Writing 🌿

Age Group: 5–9 years

The Story Intro: Deep in the Australian bush, humans use plastic cards to buy things, but the bush animals use the unique *Eucalyptus Leaf Currency*. Today, Benji Bunny and a very loud Kookaburra are running a bakery under a giant Ironbark tree. They are selling gourmet white and yellow daisies mud pies and grassy smoothies, but few are being sold because of the high cost!

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Exercise 1: Fill-in-the-Blanks Story: Fill in the missing words to complete the menu disaster

Today's special is a crunchy mud pie decorated with yellow and white **d** _____. (flower type). It costs exactly three crispy **g** ____ (type of tree) leaves. Please note: The **g** _____ smoothie is not available as we couldn't find enough of it growing in the ground.

If you don't have enough leaves, the Kookaburra will accept payment with a very loud **c** _____ (type of noise) and draw up an I.O.U for you.

Plato the Goat tried to pay with an old human boot, but Benji Bunny **c** _____ (action verb) him right out of the shop!

There are a few animals carrying placards outside the bakery. They are protesting about the **h** ____ **c** ____ (\$\$\$\$) of the items on the menu.

Exercise 2: Design Your Own Leaf Dollar: Draw a picture of the ultimate 100-Leaf Note. What animal's face is on it?

Hint: Does a Wombat look better on a dollar note than a Kangaroo?



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Activity Sheet 3: The Midnight Night-Watch Training Camp

Theme: Bush Security and Secret Codes 🦉

Age Group: 5–9 years

The Story Intro: **Opal the Owl** is looking for new recruits for The Sanctuary Night Watch. The foxes are being sneaky again, trying to hide in the tall native grasses behind The Sanctuary. Opal wishes her colleagues the goats would stay awake at night to help her guard The Sanctuary. But they are only on duty during the day, because they sleep during the night. To join The Sanctuary watch, you have to pass three top-secret bush tests.

Exercise 1: Decode the Secret Warning: Opal has left a message in the bark of a **Scribbly Gum tree**. Use the secret animal code to figure out what she is saying!

Crack the Code: 🦘 = W | 🦋 = A | 🐘 = T | 🐼 = C | 🦏 = H

Write your answer: _____

Exercise 2: Write Your Best Alarm Cry: When Opal saw the foxes, she called "**Whoop, whoop, coo!**" If you were an animal guarding The Sanctuary, what hilarious, alarm sounding words would you make to wake up the sleepy goats and the animals in The Sanctuary? Write the words in giant bubble letters!

A large, empty rectangular box with a dark green border, intended for the student to write their alarm cry in giant bubble letters.

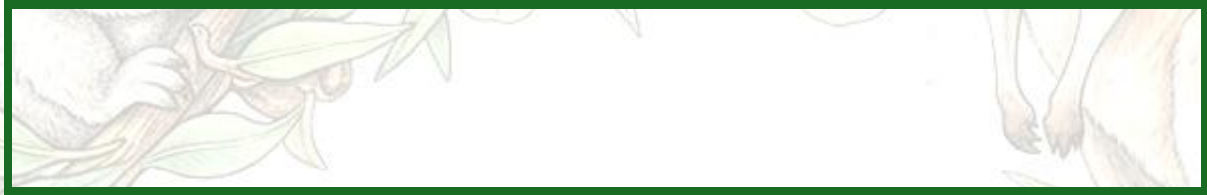
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Exercise 3: Which creatures are Opal's colleagues, and do they guard The Sanctuary during the night or day?



Great, providing you have successfully passed the three top-secret bush tests, you are now a member of The Sanctuary watch team! Congratulations!

Activity Sheet 4: The Arid Hour Snore-A-Thon

Theme: Poetry & Quiet Creative Thinking 🦘

Age Group: 5-9 years

The Story Intro: It is officially **The Arid Hour**. The sun is hot. Every animal is relaxing under the shade of the wattle and gum trees for a mandatory nap. The only problem? The snoring is so loud it is shaking the leaves off the gum trees.

Exercise 1: The Snore Symphony Poem: Help complete this whimsical bush poem by filling in the **highlighted** rhyming words. *Hint: Each dash represents a letter of the word.*

The Wombat snores deep inside a huge dark **l _ _**

Sounding exactly like a giant green **f _ _ _**.

The Kangaroo dreams of a high-jumping **t _ _ _ _**

While a lazy green lizard naps on his **b _ _ _**.

The Galahs are squawking high up in the **s _ _**

Dreaming of eating a daisy mud **p _ _**.

Pip wraps her scarf tight and closes her **e _ _ _**

To hide from the sound of the buzzing bush **f _ _ _ _**.

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Exercise 2: Comic Strip Creator: Draw an action filled three-panel comic strip, showing what you think could happen when a tiny, brown **Ant** gives a sleeping **Billy Goat's** leg a great big **NIP** during The Arid Hour!

Let your imagination run wild!

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The Story Intro: Pearly **P** _____ is nocturnal and active during twilight. She spends up to 12 hours a night foraging underwater and sleeps through most of the day on land inside a "**resting burrow**" which she dug into the earthy bank of a freshwater creek. Her baby puggle, nuzzles the milk Pearly produces through specialised pores on her tummy.

Exercise 3: This is a rhyming riddle puzzle for you to solve! Read the clues below and guess which iconic Australian creature is speaking.

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I am not a fish, although I have a wide bill,
But I swim in the creeks when the morning is chill.
I wear a thick coat made of waterproof fur,
So you must watch out for my hind-leg's sharp spur!
I lay tiny eggs in a deep, muddy freshwater creek bed,
And I feed my sweet baby puggle with milk instead.
I have no true teeth, so I munch down on grit,
To help chew up bugs while I paddle and flit.

Guess who I am? _____

THE END 🌿 🐨 🌸

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