



COMBINE MATERIALS & RESOURCES TO

CREATE UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

## PLAY SPACE CARDS

### AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS: SEARCH & FIND

This find and search activity is a great tool for extending literacy experiences and can be used with so many different topics. For our set-up we focused on Australian animals and used the book *Dreaming of Australia A to Z* as our learning invitation. With our A3 Light Panel and Cover as our base, we placed a variety of Australian animal images under the cover for children to find.

We then set the scene! Using brown sand as our base, we created our own Outback learning space with various natural resources and Australian animals. To top it all off, we've added some small paint bushes for children to use when searching through the sand for animals, as well as a magnifier so they can take a closer look!

### LEARNING THEMES AND CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Nature Inquiry
- ➔ Australian Animals
- ➔ Australian Outback
- ➔ Literacy Extension

### PROMPTS & QUESTIONS

- \* Have you ever seen any of these animals? Can you tell me about it?
- \* Do all these animals eat the same things? How can we find out?
- \* Do all Australian animals live in the same place?

### EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.3: Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another
- ➔ Learning Outcome 5.2: Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts





**EXTENSION IDEAS**

- \* Use Australian animal puppets to create fun opportunities for children to interact with the animals they are learning about.
- \* Learn about conservation with children, engage with series like Izzy's Koala World to teach children about how people protect vulnerable species:

Releasing Muffin + Cinderella Back Into the Wild ❤️  
Izzy's Koala World  
 (Netflix Jr. on YouTube)

- \* Provide children with pretend play resources to allow opportunities for children to process what they are learning through play.

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**RESOURCES**

Here you'll find some of the resources we used to create our play space as well as some additional items to extend learning.



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