

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Brushtail Possum

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a nocturnal tree-climbing marsupial.

Spell my name

BRUSHTAIL POSSUM
B R U S H T A I L P O S S U M

Clap the syllables

brush - tail pos - sum

Say it slowly. Clap once for each part.

Now say the whole name smoothly.

Write the name three times:

What do I look like?



I have pointed ears, thick fur, large eyes and a bushy tail.

Look closely. Point to one feature that helps you recognise me.

What do I do?



I climb and forage at night, then shelter in a tree hollow or safe roof space by day.

Movement challenge: Can you move safely like me for five seconds?

What do I eat?



I eat leaves, flowers, fruit and sometimes other available foods.

Think: Am I a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore? Use my food clues to explain.

Where do I live?



I live in forests, woodlands, parks and many Australian towns and cities.

Draw my habitat here: trees, water, grass, rocks or another safe home.

How do I grow up?



My baby is called a joey. It grows in a pouch and later rides on its mother.

Tell a partner: What does the parent or habitat provide for the young?

Amazing fact!



My gripping claws and tail help me balance high in the branches.

Share the fact in your own words. Start with: "Did you know...?"

Show what you know

1. Spell Brushtail Possum.

2. Where does this animal live?

3. What does it eat?

4. Name one special body feature.

5. Tell one amazing fact.

Great work, wildlife explorer!