

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Dugong

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a gentle marine mammal related to manatees.

Spell my name

DUGONG

D U G O N G

Clap the syllables

du - gong

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 a rounded body, paddle-like flippers and a fluked tail like a whale.

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

What do I do?



I swim slowly over shallow sea-grass meadows and surface to breathe air.

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

What do I eat?



I am a herbivore and mainly graze on sea-grass.

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

Where do I live?



In Australia, I live in warm northern coastal waters, including Shark Bay and the Great Barrier Reef region.

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

How do I grow up?



A calf swims close beside its mother and drinks her milk.

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

Amazing fact!



The feeding trails I leave in sea-grass can look like paths across the sea floor.

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

Show what you know

1. Spell Dugong.

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!