

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Numbat

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a small striped marsupial and Western Australia's animal emblem.

Spell my name

NUMBAT

N U M B A T

Clap the syllables

num - bat

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 reddish-brown fur, white stripes, a pointed snout and a bushy tail.

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

What do I do?



Unlike many marsupials, I am active during the day when termites are moving.

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

What do I eat?



I eat thousands of termites with my long sticky tongue.

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

Where do I live?



I live in eucalyptus woodland in a small number of protected areas in Western Australia.

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

How do I grow up?



Young numbats cling to their mother because she does not have a true pouch.

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

Amazing fact!



A numbat has many small teeth but usually swallows termites with little chewing.

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

Show what you know

1. Spell Numbat.

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!