

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Platypus

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a semi-aquatic mammal and one of the few mammals that lays eggs.

Spell my name

PLATYPUS

P L A T Y P U S

Clap the syllables

plat - y - pus

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 broad bill, webbed feet, thick waterproof fur and a flat tail.

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

What do I do?



I swim with my eyes and ears closed, using sensors in my bill to find prey.

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

What do I eat?



I eat insect larvae, worms and small freshwater animals from river beds.

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

Where do I live?



I live beside clean rivers and streams in eastern Australia and Tasmania.

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

How do I grow up?



A mother lays soft-shelled eggs in a nesting burrow. The babies drink milk after they hatch.

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

Amazing fact!



The platypus and echidnas are monotremes - mammals that lay eggs.

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

Show what you know

1. Spell Platypus.

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!