

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Sugar Glider

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a small tree-living marsupial that can glide through the air.

Spell my name

SUGAR GLIDER

S U G A R G L I D E R

Clap the syllables

sug - ar gli - der

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 big night-time eyes and a flap of skin stretching from each wrist to ankle.

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

What do I do?



I leap from trees and spread my gliding membrane like a furry parachute.

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

What do I eat?



I eat nectar, tree sap, pollen and insects.

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

Where do I live?



I live in forests and woodlands in northern and eastern Australia.

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

How do I grow up?



My tiny joeys grow in a pouch and later ride on their mother's back.

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

Amazing fact!



I steer while gliding by changing the shape of my membrane and moving my tail.

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

Show what you know

1. Spell Sugar Glider.

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!