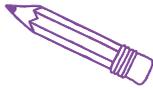


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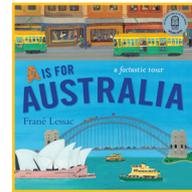
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Book title: A IS FOR AUSTRALIA

By Frané Lessac

A is for Australia is an information book filled with illustrations. You can read this story or spend lots of time on just one or two pages. As your child grows they will engage with the text in this book more. It is designed as an alphabet book that takes you on a journey around Australia. With young children you will be able to explore the detailed illustrations talking about what you can see on each page.



My Community

You will need:

- You and your child
- Paper and pencils or crayons
- Optional – Camera to take photos (eg, camera on your phone).

Instructions:

- Chat with your child about places they visit in their community. Do you visit the library? The park? Shopping centres or child care?
- Draw pictures of favourite places you like to visit in your community.
- When you are out and about point out places, spaces or objects that are of interest to your child. For example, point out the stop sign, the red letter box, the yellow slide, the soft sand.
- You might like to take photographs of some of the places you go with your child. Photos are useful to share with your child and look back on to reflect on the day's adventures.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

Further information

A is for Australia is a perfect book to revisit regularly and each time will be different if your child takes the lead. You might like to ask them to share what they know about the different objects on the page, or encourage 'make believe stories'.

Making up their own stories is an effective way for young children to strengthen their vocabulary and use their imagination. As your child explores the pictures ask them what they think is happening? Or what they think might happen next – there is no wrong way to make up a story!

Older children may be more interested in the facts you can find on each page. Have you visited any of the places around Australia? Talking about experiences help children connect ideas to the world around them and supports their learning.

Songs

The Wheels on the Bus, Row, Row, Row your Boat and Cuddly Koala.

Key message

Children learn being engaged and doing.

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