

# READ – A IS FOR AUSTRALIA

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*A is for Australia* is a picture information book. This makes it a perfect book to share just a few pages at a time. Share books in the pockets of time you have. After meal time, bath time or any time in the day to wind down and relax with your child. Choose a few pages together and take time to look at the images and chat about what you can see.

The facts about Australia are great for budding scientists and explorers. Having lots of words to describe what you see can help children develop an understanding about the world around them. For example, what is a beach? How do we know it is a beach? A beach might have sand, or pebbles but both are a beach.



## Make up a story

### What you need

- You and your child
- Imagination – an adventure, a holiday, an animal...

### Some ideas to try:

- Revisit *A is for Australia* (or other favourite stories) regularly. Each time you share this story your child may notice something new or different. Have a discussion with your child about the pictures. What can they see? What are the different characters doing?
- Let your child's imagination run wild! Ask your child to tell you a story about the pictures on their favourite page. Ask questions like "What happens next?" and give your child plenty of time to think and respond to you. Making up their own stories is an effective way for young children to strengthen their vocabulary and use their imagination.
- Ask your child to draw a picture about their story. Write down their story to keep and read again later.

