

**Play is how children learn and grow.
Children learn best when new ideas are presented
in fun, meaningful ways.**

READ

BEFORE READING:

Spend time talking about the cover of the book:

- Read the title. Talk about what a Bush Bash might be.
- Share the names of the author and illustrator and the special jobs they do.
- The children might like to know that Sally Morgan (author) is the mother or Ambelin Kwaymullina (illustrator).
- Talk about the animals on the cover illustration. Do the children know that they are all Australian animals? Count the animals together.

DURING READING:

The delightful illustrations contain a lot of detail, so make sure you give the children enough time to absorb them.

Reinforce the children's emerging number skills by counting the animals and pointing to the numeral on each page.

The children may quickly pick up the repetition in the story; encourage them to join in reading with you.

AFTER READING:

There is a Hide and Seek feature in this book which is shown on the back page.

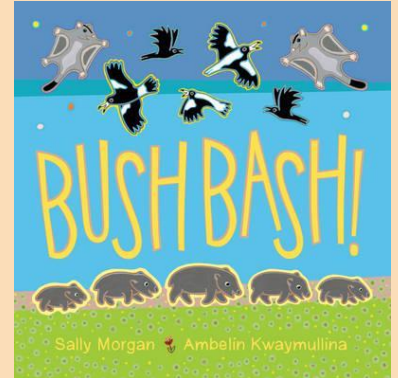
Go back through the book together and see if you can find the ten pairs of objects.

SING

Lots of Nursery Rhymes and songs include numbers and early mathematical concepts. Music and songs appeal to most children so singing together is a fun way to help them learn new words and concepts.

Try the following:

- 1 2 3 4 5 *Once I Caught A Fish Alive*



This book was featured in March 2012 as part of our

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