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Book 2

PERFECT PLAYS

For Primary Students

- * Contains three stage plays perfect for school productions.
- * Includes themed activities for each play.



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This Land is For Sharing

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Theme: Sharing Our Environment

Based on the story of the *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, this play has an Australian theme. Three kangaroos want to cross a bridge to eat the grass on the other side. Bunyip has other ideas and tries to stop them. This nearly ends in disaster until a swaggy convinces Bunyip that they can share the grass.

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Do You Know What Grows For You?

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Theme: Making Healthy Choices

This play is about Little Lode learning about the benefits of eating fruit and vegetables from his Granny. He also learns why some foods are best left alone.

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Theme: Origin of Christmas

This is the traditional story of the first Christmas, told in rhyme and ending with a nativity tableau.

Teachers' Notes

It's your turn to produce an assembly item for school. You're searching for a play with a fresh approach and a bit of zip.

Are you looking for answers to these questions?

- How can I find a play which will integrate my learning area and which is simple, short and entertaining?
- Where can I find ideas which incorporate movement, song and at the same time work around a central theme?
- Where can I find an item suitable for a whole class performance, so that each child feels important?
- What type of item or activity will encourage children to develop their imaginations? How can I improve their organising abilities and of course their confidence, while still using language in a context which is real to them?
- Where can I find plays and related activities which are curriculum linked?

This book is designed with you in mind ...

In it, you will find three creative plays which may be staged with a minimum of stress and with maximum enjoyment. The plays are suitable for an ordinary assembly using basic/simple costuming or for a large production using elaborate settings, backdrops and costuming.

Each play has been 'class tested' and has proved to be a successful medium for stimulating learning experiences as well as a source of great fun and entertainment.

In this book, you will also find activities linked to the three plays to use in your classroom or club group.

It is my sincere hope that teachers and child workers, whether just beginning or experienced, will find ideas that are useful and stimulating enough to stir the creative potential that exists in every class member.

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- PLAY 1 -

THIS LAND IS FOR SHARING

SAMPLE

Teaching Notes - Play 1

Play	Theme
This Land is for Sharing	Sharing Our Environment

Students will:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the importance of sharing our environment. • Use movement and voice to create dramatic roles and situations which they will perform to an audience. • Use picture and context clues to make meaning. • Learn and understand the value of sharing. • Use general problem solving strategies when working mathematically. • Learn to work collaboratively with their peers.

Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Comprehending <li style="width: 50%;">• Classifying <li style="width: 50%;">• Problem solving <li style="width: 50%;">• Decision making <li style="width: 50%;">• Counting <li style="width: 50%;">• Designing <li style="width: 50%;">• Extending vocabulary <li style="width: 50%;">• Identifying <li style="width: 50%;">• Understanding rhyme <li style="width: 50%;">• Dramatising <li style="width: 50%;">• Comparing <li style="width: 50%;">• Creating

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES			
Language	Maths	S&E/Science	Arts
Sharing Our Environment Nature Word Search What Am I?	Our Beautiful Environment Count the Birds Smallest and Biggest	Classifying	Caring for the Environment Living in Australia Make a Badge

Resources
<p>The Bernstein Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore) by Stan and Jan Bernstein</p> <p>Crocodile Smile by Sarah Weeks</p> <p>Where Does the Poo Go...When You Flush? by Caren Trafford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ www.newint.com.au/shop ▶ www.epa.gov/kids/game.htm (download a free Happy Earth Day activity book)

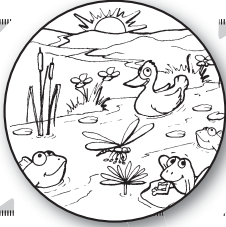
Evaluation
<p>Did the students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy working together? • Have an understanding of how to care for the environment? • Show confidence performing in front of an audience? • Problem solve to find ways to share their environment?

PLAY 1 : THIS LAND IS FOR SHARING

- CHARACTERS:**
- Little Roo
 - Middle Roo
 - Big Roo
 - Bunyip
 - Swaggie (Swagman)
 - Narrator
 - Three children with triangles
 - Three children with bells
 - Three children with drums
 - One child with cymbals
 - Rest of class – either trees, swaggies, animals or flowers

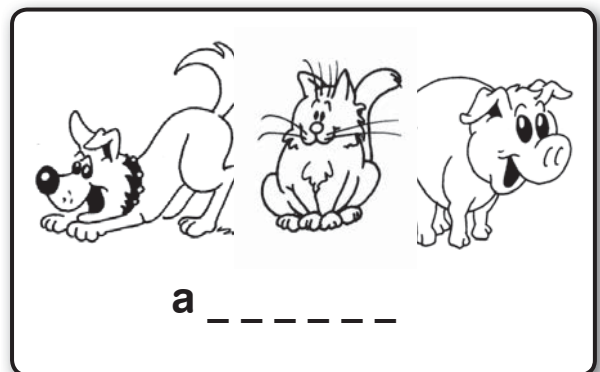
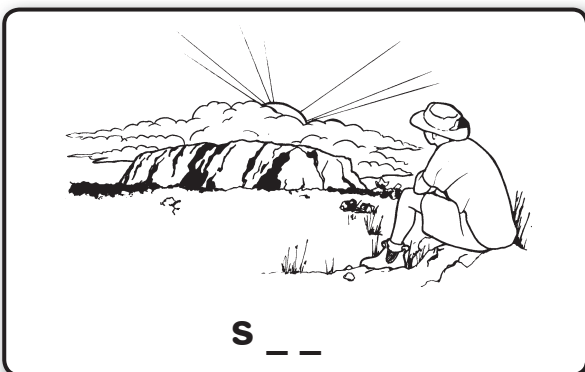
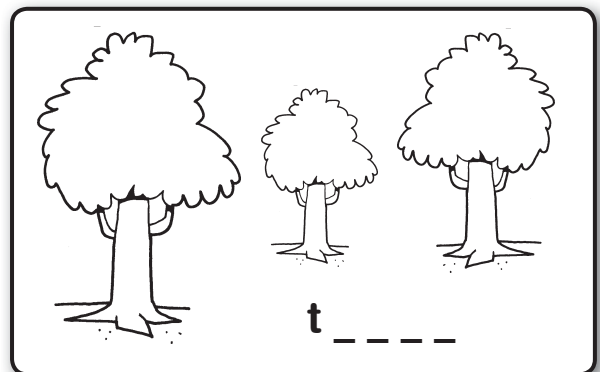
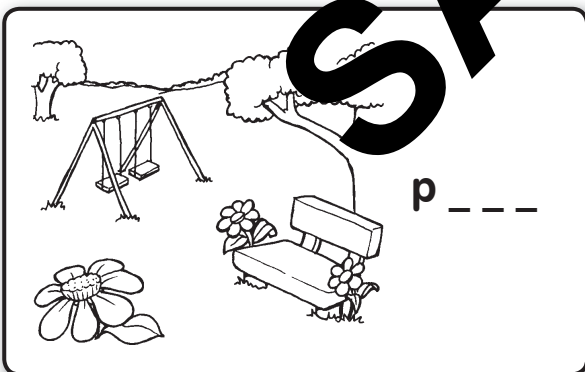
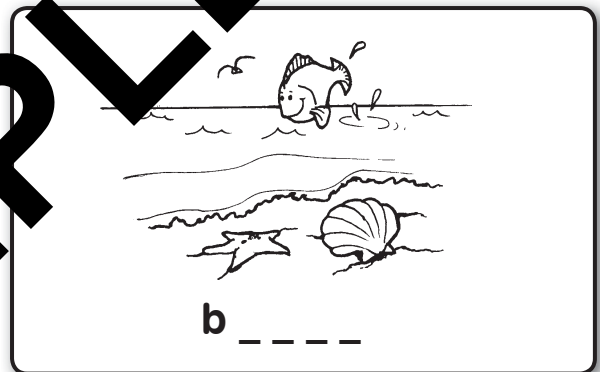
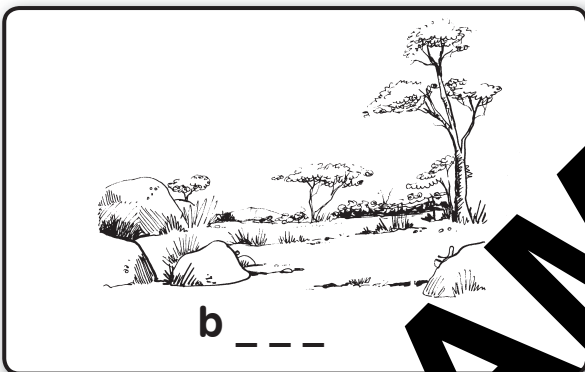
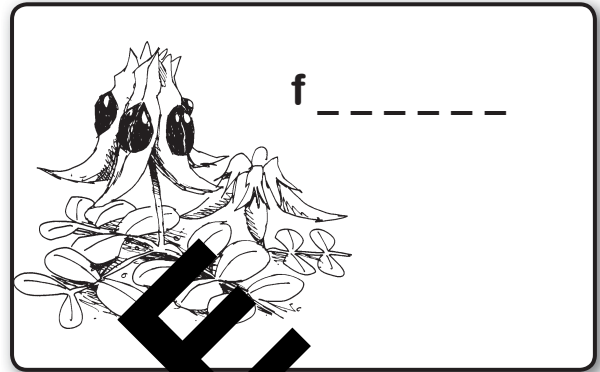
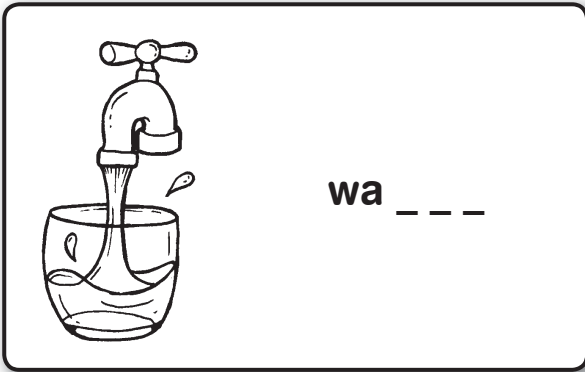
SUGGESTED MUSIC: *Waltzing Matilda*

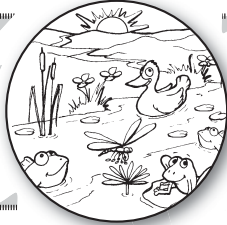
- Narrator:** Let me tell you a story
That's nearly, really true
It's about three roos, a bunyip
And a place called *Aussiedoo. } (* Replace Aussie with the name of your school adding doo on the end)
- There was little kangaroo. } (Triangles play as Little Roo comes out)
- Little Roo:** G'day, (*bows*) I live in Aussiedoo. }
- Narrator:** There was middle sized kangaroo. } (Bells play as Middle Roo comes out)
- Middle Roo:** I live in Aussiedoo. Fair dinkum. (*bows*) }
- Narrator:** And there was BIG kangaroo. } (Drums play as Big Roo comes out)
- Big Roo:** I live in Aussiedoo, (*bows*)
TOO ROO. (*waves*) }
- Narrator:** a.nd....there was Big..... BAD.... } (Cymbals clang as Bunyip comes out)
BUNYIP who lived in Aussiedoo River.
- Bunyip:** My ears are bent like a boomerang,
My nose is as long as a didgeridoo,
My teeth are as sharp as glass
and I am the BOSS of Aussiedoo.



Sharing our Environment

Below are eight pictures of things from our environment that we must share. Fill in the missing letters to complete the words.





Nature Word Search

Find the words listed below in the word search.

The words can go → or ↓

**environment
flower
trees
animals**

**water
nature
fire
air**

**rain
people
sun
birds**

**care
bush**

