

Language and Literacy Enrichment Resources for

SANTA'S AUSSIE HOLIDAY

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Resources and Assessments

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Vocabulary

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TARGETING THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

Eve (n.), **bushman** (n.), **scuba diving** (v.), **Uluru** (n.), **cruises** (n.), **koalas** (n.)

1. Let's **say** the word together: e.g., *"bushman"*.
2. Let's **clap** it out – *bushman* - 2 claps. That means there are 2 beats, or syllables, in this word.
3. What **sound** does it start with? /b/

Can you think of any other words that start with... (/b/)? (letter sound, not name)

Can you think of any words that **rhyme** with... (bushman)? (If achievable) e.g., *ran, can, fan.*

Does anyone remember what ... (bushman) **means**?

Someone that knows a lot about the countryside.

Can you think of any other words that mean.... (bushman)? e.g., *ranger, naturalist.*

Lots of things can a **bushman** do (Or, what is... used for)? e.g., hunting, gathering, camping

Is this word is – a describing word, a doing word, or the name of something?

Can this word into a **group**, or category? (Action/ animal/ feeling/ food/ place etc)

Sentence: *"the bushman showed me how to find grubs that we can eat"*.

Can you use in a sentence?

What would it **look** like?

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BLANK' S QUESTIONS: LEVEL 2 (TALK ABOUT IT)

Pages 1-2 (The Arctic's...)

- Describe what is happening on the front cover.
- Eve means the day before something special. Finish this sentence: "On Christmas Eve Santa is..."
- Describe the reindeer to me.
- Is there something else to do with Christmas.

Pages 3-4 (Santa's...)

- What is it that Santa is using to look at
- Show me something that is small and spikey.
- How does Santa feel?

Pages 5-6 (Australia...)

- A bushman is someone that knows a lot about the Australian countryside, or the 'bush'. What does a bushman use a hat for?
- A **ute** is a kind of car. Who is driving the car?

Pages 9-10 (He heads...)

- How are the dingo and the crocodile different?
- Where is the koala? (Targeting on/in)

Pages 11-12 (And after...)

- Scuba diving is a sport. It means swimming underwater and having special equipment to help you breathe. Finish this sentence for me: "while Santa scuba dives he sees..."

Pages 13-14 (He drives...)

- Cruising means sailing about, going nowhere in particular. Is he cruising up a blue or yellow river?
- How does Santa feel about the crocodile in the water?
- Find something small and green.

Pages 17-18 (In Albany...)

- A *quokka* is a small and short type of wallaby. They live in the West of Australia, especially on Rottnest Island. Where is the big quokka? (Targeting next to/beside)
- What are the little wallabies called?
- Find something huge and wet.

Pages 19-20 (On Philo...)

- Santa is on a yacht. Tell me another type of vehicle here, and the crocodile's?
- What is the difference between Santa's feet and the crocodile's feelings now?
- Finish this sentence for me: "Santa feels a

Pages 21-22 (But in...)

- Show me something used for taking photos
- Show me something red and floating
- What is the difference between Santa's feelings and the crocodile's feelings now?

Pages 23-24 (His speedos...)

- Tell me what is happening.
- How does surfing make him feel?
- How many feet does Santa have?

Pages 25-26 (Although he's...)

- I can see cheeky seagulls, do you know?
- Where are Santa's shoes?

Pages 27-28 (He hangs...)

- How are reindeer
- Tell me a type of
- What does San

Phonological Awareness

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Word level awareness

1) *How many words are in these sentences? Let's count on our fingers:*

- Christmas Eve (2)
- Santa went on holiday (4)
- I see a shark! (4)
- Bushman's hat (2)
- Quokka (1)
- I feel seasick (3)

2) Syllable level awareness

Which word has one beat?

- **Fun**, Arctic
- Aussie, **cruise**
- Dingo, **sleigh**
- Scuba, **shark**
- **Eve**, quokka

Which word has two beats?

- **Christmas**, ute
- Sun, **bushman**
- **Santa**, globe
- Sea, **swimming**
- Whale, **dingo**

- He visited Sydney (3)
- I want to go to Australia (6)
- Let's cruise up the river (5)

How many [illegible] words?

- Christ - 2
- Aus - 3
- Abo - 4
- Significa - 4

- Crocodile, Kakadu, ch
- Holiday, home, hat - /h
- Ride, river, Rottnes
- Leaves, lifeguar

3) Alliteration identification

Which sound do these words start with? (NB say the sound not the letter name)

- Whales, watches, walks - /w/
- Strong, sea, Sydney - /s/
- Shark, shiver, sharp - /sh/
- Drive, dive, desert - /d/
- Take, tourist, town - /t/
- Flies, fast, fun - /f/
- Perfect, place, packs - /p/
- Thing, thirst, that - /th/

4) Rhyme identification

Do these words rhyme? Yes or no

- Snow, man (N)
- Snow, know (Y)
- [illegible] (Y)

- White, walk (N)
- Shark, sharp (N)
- Ride, guide (Y)
- Driving, diving (Y)

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Word Cards

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- Cut out the vocabulary cards and use them alone or in construction.
- Cut out the conjunctions bricks to
  - E.g. "the thin she
- Provide a clear m
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