

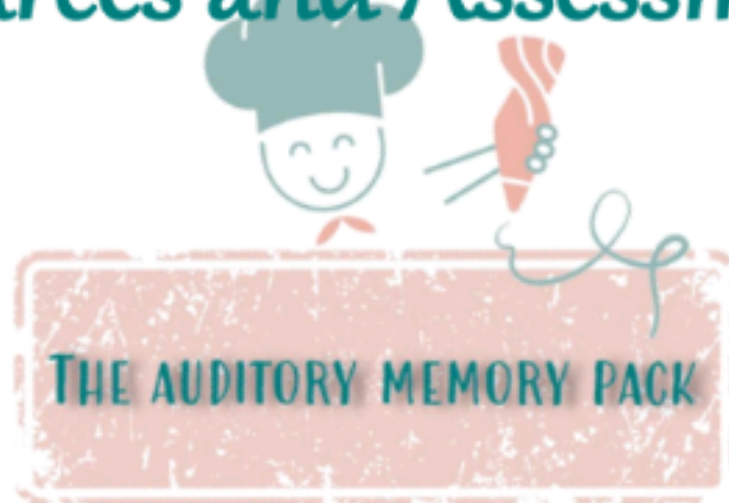


Language and Literacy Enrichment Resources for

POSSUM MAGIC

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Resources and Assessments



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Vocabulary

Possum Magic

IDENTIFYING THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

Invisible (adj.), shrink (v.), miserable (adj.), lamington (n.)
Don't lose heart (idiom)

1. Let's **say** the word together. E.g. "invisible"
 2. Let's **clap** it out - In-**vis-i-ble** - 4 claps. That means there are 4 beats, or syllables, in the word
 3. What **sound** does it start with?
 4. Can you think of any other words that **rhyme** with...? (if achievable)
 5. Does anyone remember what ... **means**?
- e.g. invisible means that you can't see it. Sometimes magic is involved. Sometimes it's real.
- Can you think of anything that is invisible? (unseen, camouflage)
- What does it describe? (e.g. feelings/ objects/ animals)
- Can you think of anything that is invisible? (e.g. feelings/ objects/ animals)
- Example: "I could not see the fairy because she was invisible."

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Possum Magic

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

- Front Cover
 - Show me the possum that can do magic.
 - What shape is this? (Point to a star)
 - How many possums are there here?
- Page 1 (possums in a tree)
 - Where do the possums live?
 - How are these two possums different?
- Pages 2-3 (possum, wombat, dingoo)
 - Shrink means to make smaller. What type of animal did she shrink?
 - Describe...
- Pages 4-5 (the magic)
 - What does the magic do?
 - What does the magic make the possum look like?
 - What does the magic make the possum's tail look like? (Targeting use of...)
- Pages 6-7 (the magic)
 - What does the magic do?
 - What does the magic make the possum look like?
 - What does the magic make the possum's tail look like? (Targeting use of...)
- Pages 8-9 (the magic)
 - What does the magic do?
 - What does the magic make the possum look like?
 - What does the magic make the possum's tail look like? (Targeting use of...)
- Pages 10-11 (the magic)
 - What does the magic do?
 - What does the magic make the possum look like?
 - What does the magic make the possum's tail look like? (Targeting use of...)
- Pages 12-13 (the magic)
 - What does the magic do?
 - What does the magic make the possum look like?
 - What does the magic make the possum's tail look like? (Targeting use of...)
- Pages 14-15 (looking in books)
 - What is the grandma using?
 - Is the invisible possum at grandma's?
- Pages 16-17 (miserable)
 - To be miserable means to be very miserable?
 - Show me a miserable possum in a tree?
- Pages 18-19 (on the bike)
 - What kinds of people food can you think of?
 - Point to something orange and stripey.
- Pages 20 - 21 (cinema and scores)
 - 'Don't lose heart' means 'don't give up', or 'keep trying'. Who said "don't lose heart"?
 - What did they eat in Adelaide?
 - What did they eat in Sydney?
- Pages 22 - 23 (vegemite sandwich)
 - How many people can you see?
 - What did they eat in the far North?
- Pages 24-25 (in an umbrella)
 - Show me what they are using as a boat.
 - What do you use an umbrella for?
 - What is the difference between this umbrella and a real boat?
- Pages 26-27 (lamingtons)
 - A lamington is a cake, with icing outside. Sometimes it is plain chocolate brown. How do you make a lamington?
 - What other sweet snacks are there?
- Pages 28-29 (the end)
 - Find an animal that you like.
 - Finish the sentence: "I would like to eat..."

Phonological Awareness

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1) Word level awareness

- How many words are in these sentences? Let's count on our fingers:
 - A magic possum (3)
 - A tail (2)
 - She was invisible (3)
 - Don't lose heart (3)
 - Miserable (1)

2) Syllable level awareness

- How many beats in these words? Let's clap together:
 - Possum (2)
 - Hush (1)
 - Lamington (3)
 - Vegemite (3)
 - Snake (1)
 - Invisible (4)
 - Shrink (1)
 - Miserable (3)
 - Lamington (3)
 - Lamington (4)

- Let's listen to these words and count the beats:
 - (1 beat) Grandma, possum, hush
 - (1 beat) snake, koala, kangaroo
 - (2 beats) legs, body, tail
 - (2 beats) pumpkin, scones, vegemite
 - (3 beats) pavlova, sandwich, steak
 - (3 beats) magic, thin, visible
 - (4 beats) Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania
 - (4 beats) invisible, shrink, appeared

- Snake, scones, Sydney - /s/
- Darwin, did, down - /d/
- Hush, hidden, hold - /h/

- Small, at, all
- Hush, possum, lamington
- Book, magic, invisible

Word Cards

Possum Magic

shrink

lamington

Don't lose heart

but

or

so

when

because



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