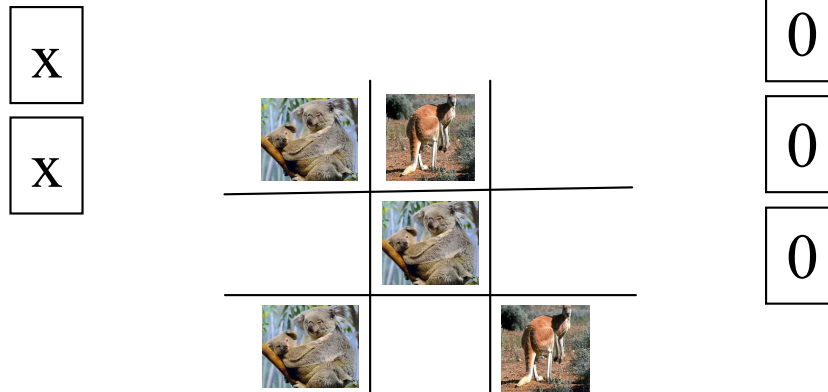


# VOCABULARY



## ACTIVITY NAME: DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

### *Purpose*

To practice describing the main features of a selection of Australian animals (Wombat, Platypus, Kangaroo, Koala) focusing on Appearance, Habitat, Diet and Reproduction.

### *Strategies*

Brainstorming, visuals, peer discussion, vocabulary expansion and judicious review are a few strategies you may consider to support this lesson.

### *Resources*

- Australian Animals book (factual)
- Student recording sheets
- Pencils
- A3 group summary sheet

### *Instructions*

1. Draw a O's and X's grid on the whiteboard or on cardboard.
2. A selection of small pictures of the wombat, koala, kangaroo and platypus with a nought or cross on the back are placed randomly around the grid.

3. Children are given cue cards for Diet, Appearance Reproduction and Habitat. This card contains a picture and examples of responses. (to use if needed) Repeat cue cards for the other features of a description.
4. Each student takes a turn to choose an animal from around the board. They must then say a sentence to describe one feature of the animal they have chosen. For example: 'Wombat' – "A wombat has coarse grey fur."
5. The student then turns over the card and places their O or X on the board.
6. The team that has 3 in a row on the board is the winner.

**Your Notes**