



## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT: AUSTRALIAN VERTEBRATES

Assessment weighting: 20%

Due date: \_\_\_\_\_ My animal: \_\_\_\_\_

### Option 1:

If you choose to use this option then the grade you will be working towards A-E

#### Instructions:

- You will be given one vertebrate to write a Descriptive Report about.
- Research your animal using appropriate books and internet sites.
- Use the questions on this sheet as a guide to collecting relevant information. Record your research in point form in the scaffold on the back of this page.
- Each section should be a separate (small) paragraph.
- Word-process your report.
- Hand in this sheet with your completed report.

#### Structure:

Paragraph 1 Classification	What is the classification of your vertebrate? What groups does it belong to? What is its scientific name?
Paragraph 2 Appearance	What does your vertebrate look like? What is its colour? What is its size? Do males and females look different to each other? Does it have any special characteristics?
Paragraph 3 Habitat	What environment does your organism live in? What plants grow where your vertebrate lives? What is the normal temperature? What other weather conditions are there?
Paragraph 4 Movement	How does your vertebrate get around from place to place? How fast can it move?
Paragraph 5 Feeding	What kind of diet does your vertebrate have? (i.e. what does it eat?) How does it eat? When / how often does it eat?
Paragraph 6 Breeding	When does your vertebrate produce young? How many young does it have? How does it look after them?
Paragraph 7 Habits	Does your vertebrate have any unusual habits? Describe any other interesting points you have discovered.

#### Diagram / Picture

References	Where did you get your information from? Remember to give full information about books and websites as Ms Dunstan has taught you.
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SCAFFOLD (Record your information in point form)

CLASSIFICATION:

APPEARANCE:

HABITAT:

MOVEMENT:

FEEDING:

BREEDING:

HABITS:

REFERENCES:

# CRITERIA for marking YEAR 7 VERTEBRATE REPORT

NAME.....

Title	0	1					
Opening paragraph-classification	0	1	2	3			
6 body paragraphs evident (one each feature)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Appearance (at least 3 separate facts)	0	1	2	3			
Habitat (at least 3 separate facts)	0	1	2	3			
Movement (at least 3 separate facts)	0	1	2	3			
Feeding (at least 3 separate facts)	0	1	2	3			
Breeding (at least 3 separate facts)	0	1	2	3			
Habits (at least 3 separate facts)	0	1	2	3			
Topic sentences for each paragraph	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tense appropriate + consistent	0	1	2				
Illustration/correct/suitable size	0	1	2				
References/correct/variety	0	1	2	3			
Spelling/errors/2 or less/none	0	1	2				
Punctuation/errors/2 or less/perfect	0	1	2				
12 Point Font used	0	1					
Font is Times/Times New Roman	0	1					
Research sheet completed and included	0	1	2				
One A4 sheet	0	1					

Total  
**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ 50