

# National Year of Reading 2012

## TOURING EXHIBITION



## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS



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# Letter Shuffle

Can you use the letters of  
A-R-E W-E T-H-E-R-E Y-E-T  
to make a word meaning:

1. Rain, sun and snow

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2. Something you carry things on

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3. This planet

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4. A number bigger than two

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5. Twelve months

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6. A food grain

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7. A sign of love

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# About the Book

Can you answer these general questions  
about the book?

**Question 1** Who wrote the book?

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**Question 2** What are the names of the  
three children in the book?

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**Question 3** Where did the journey start?

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# Fun with Letters

How many words can you make using the  
letters in the title A-R-E W-E T-H-E-R-E Y-E-T

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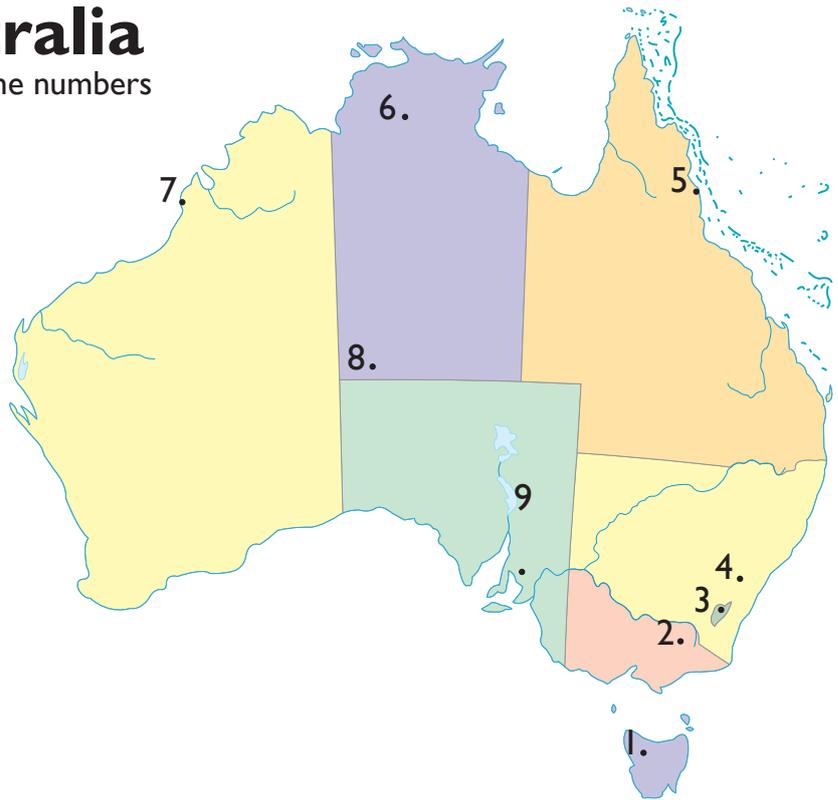
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# Around Australia

Match these place names to the numbers on the map.

- A) Uluru .....
- B) Broome .....
- C) Katherine Gorge .....
- D) Canberra .....
- E) Cradle Mountain .....
- F) Mount Hotham .....
- G) Cairns .....
- H) The Blue Mountains .....
- I) Barossa Valley .....



# Hidden Wildlife

Can you find the hidden wildlife featured in the book?

B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y	<b>Ant</b>
L	R	H	O	R	S	E	I	T	<b>Blue angel fish</b>
U	I	O	K	A	N	T	V	T	<b>Butterfly</b>
E	B	R	C	R	O	C	E	E	<b>Croc</b>
A	A	N	C	P	L	I	D	H	<b>Dog</b>
N	J	Y	G	F	I	S	H	C	<b>Horse</b>
G	R	U	B	S	E	A	N	T	<b>Jabiru</b>
E	S	I	O	T	R	O	T	I	<b>Thorny devil</b>
L	D	O	G	E	L	A	H	W	<b>Tortoise</b>
									<b>Whale</b>
									<b>Witchetty grubs</b>

When you've found all these words, you will have seven letters left. Can you rearrange them to make the name of the sea bird that the family met at the Coorong?

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# A journey around the exhibition

See if you can answer these questions on your way around the exhibition...

## Starting out

How many pets will Grace leave behind when she goes on the trip?

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What is the map Grace and Nan are sticking on the wall?

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## On the road at last

What season is it as they begin the journey?

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What are Grace, Mum and Billy watching, swimming in the sea in The Great Australian Bite?

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## The Outback

What do you think the boab trees look like? (*Mum thinks they look like opera singers*)

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What colour is ULURU in the evening? And in the afternoon?

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## The Top End

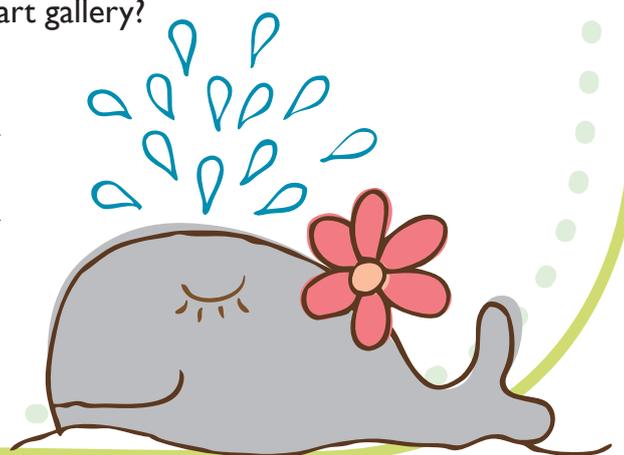
What is long and toothy and looking at Luke in the Kakadu billabong?

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What is your favourite painting in the ancient rock art gallery?

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### The Far North

Who ate Grace's hat at Mount Isa?

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What sort of hat does Dad buy for Grace?

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### Heading South

How many fish were caught off the jetty at Forster?

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In what city is the fireworks display?

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### The Cold Country

Who is Billy pretending to be?

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What game do you think are they playing in the caravan?

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## Fun with Words

Can you make a sentence using any, or all of the words in the title ARE WE THERE YET

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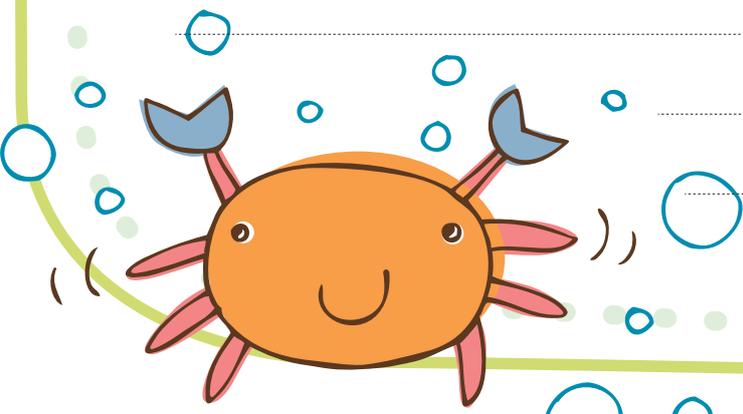
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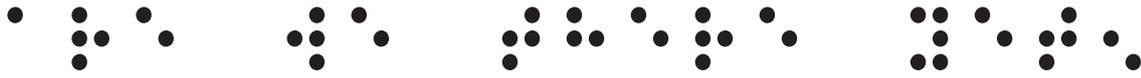
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(Are We There Yet? in Braille)

## Can you read with your eyes closed?

Braille is a way of reading and writing with your fingers, used by people who are blind or have low vision. It was invented by Louis Braille in 1829. Braille uses six dots with two columns of three, like the six on a dice. Braille letters don't look like normal letters. They use a special combination of dots to make a letter, similar to Morse code.

Here on display are two versions of *Are We There Yet?* These have been created specially for people with a print disability.

- there is a braille version
- and a DAISY book version (on computer) *not available in all venues*



### Touch and feel

with the braille version

Get comfortable, close your eyes and turn the pages of the braille version of *Are we there yet?* and feel the story with your fingers. Now read the story with your eyes and your fingers!



### Watch and listen

with the DAISY version *if available*

Get comfortable, listen to the story being read as you turn the pages of the braille version of *Are we there yet?* Enjoy reading the story with your ears, and with your fingers.

## Your name in Braille

The braille alphabet is on the poster on the wall and on the next page. Write your name using the braille alphabet.

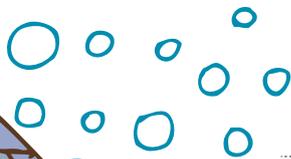
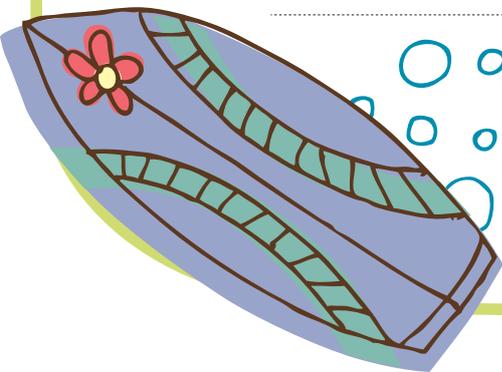
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## What is DAISY?

DAISY books are a special type of talking book. With DAISY, you can navigate a talking book. Just like a normal book:

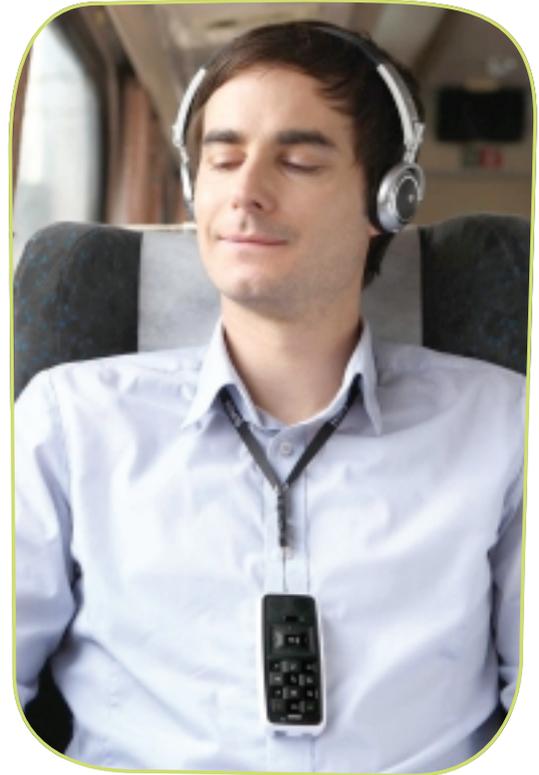
- Skip a page or paragraph
- Check the contents and
- Go to a particular page
- Use bookmarks

## Free from the library!

You can now read *Are we there yet?* in Braille or DAISY. People with a print disability can join Vision Australia's library and borrow it for free:

- Dyslexia or perceptual disability
- Blind
- Vision impaired
- Unable to hold or manipulate a book e.g. M.S. or cerebral palsy

You can download books or receive them in the post:  
[www.visionaustralia.org.au/library/](http://www.visionaustralia.org.au/library/)



# A Colourful Journey!

See how closely you can match the colours and tones when you colour Alison Lester's line drawing for her cover illustration.



Try a different palette and see how it looks!





# Your Place and Maps

Maps are great inventions. Most people draw maps to show how to get from somewhere to somewhere else. Or to give a bird's eye view of a place.

- Try drawing a map of your room.
- Of your house.
- Of a cool way to get from your house to your best friend's house.
- Draw a map of your neighbourhood – include your house – your favourite places – your unfavourite places – show the routes to school, the shops, and the train. Places you like to play. You can illustrate it with photos and drawings; add words, labels, and notes.



# Places and their Past

Do you know the book, *My Place* by Nadia Wheatley & Donna Rawlins? Places have a past, and a past before that, and before that... going back and back in time. So, what's the history of your place?

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing.

