Australian Animals
Third Grade

Overview: This lesson will teach students about different kinds of wildlife found in Australia by using different kinds of books and some technology.

Objectives:
1. Students will be able to identify 10 animals
2. Students will be able to define what a marsupial is
3. Students will create a visualization with a pre-made list of wildlife provided by the teacher.

Indiana Standards: 3.4 Students learn about an increasing variety of organisms.

Materials:
- Pencil
- Worksheet (provided by teacher)
- Dictionary (provided by teacher)
- List of Wildlife (already uploaded onto ManyEyes by the teacher as “Australian Animals Grade 3”)
- Computer (with printer)
- Books provided by teacher:
  - *Nature Watch: Dangerous Animals*
  - *Nature Watch: Reptiles*
  - *Nature Watch: Birds*
  - *Nature Watch: Mammals*

Procedure:
1. The teacher will read and go over each of the books with the whole class.
2. The teacher will then pass out the worksheets, each student will receive one.
3. The students will split up into groups of 5 and each group will be given one of the books to look at in case they need help spelling or identifying the animals.
4. Each group will also be given a dictionary, but each student needs to look up what marsupial means individually and write it down on their worksheet.
5. The students will identify the 10 animals and define what a marsupial is.
6. The teacher will then go over some of the animals and explain what a marsupial is and give some examples of marsupials.

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1 Adapted from http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/animal.html
7. The students will go to the ManyEyes Website and select the data set titled “Australian Animals Grade 3.”
8. They will create a visualization of their choosing with the data set and print it off.
9. Finally the teacher will collect the worksheets and the visualizations and grade them.

**Evaluation:**
The students will show what they have learned from this lesson by filling out the worksheet provided and creating a visualization of different types of wildlife.