

Strangest Mammal on Earth: Presenting Your Best Platypus Fact A Platypus, Probably - Grade 1

- Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

PRODUCT

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Materials

- The book
- Paper and pencil
- Feature card Text to mark
- Any verified feature page - bill, eggs, milk, spur, fur, cheek pouches, or grinding pads

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Teacher key

A successful presentation names one real feature and gives an accurate function or fact from the book. Accept any supported feature; reject invented claims or claims that stretch beyond the source. Support & extension

Support:

Provide a feature with its page already marked and use the frames: "The platypus has ____." "It uses it to ____." Extension: After presenting, answer one follow-up by saying either the supported fact or "The book doesn't say."

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- States one supported fact about its function or significance
- Uses two complete sentences
- Does not add unsupported information

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