



AUSTRALIA: WRITING ACTIVITIES
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CLOZE ACTIVITY - PLATYPUS (2)

Choose answers from the box below to complete this report on the Platypus.

The Platypus



The platypus is a mammal but not a marsupial as it does not have a _____. It is a monotreme which is a mammal that _____.

A Platypus has a bill like that of a _____.

It is a good swimmer and its _____ feet and flat _____ help it move through the water.

The male platypus also has _____ on its hind legs that contain poison.

A mother platypus lays 2 to 3 _____ in a special burrow. The babies stay in this burrow drinking _____ until they are about 4 months old.

Platypus are only found in _____. They live in creek banks with lots of overhanging _____.

The Platypus is very shy and is hard to see in the wild. You need to be patient and very quiet and still if you are to spot one. They are protected by law in Australia.

trees duck eggs pouch tail
Australia webbed lays eggs
spurs mother's milk



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A mother platypus lays 2 to 3 **eggs** in a special burrow. The babies stay in this burrow drinking **mother's milk** until they are about 4 months old.

Platypus are only found in **Australia**. They live in creek banks with lots of overhanging **trees**.

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