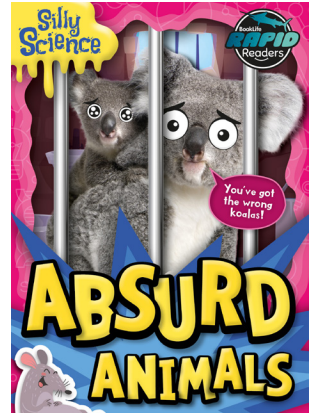


Title:

Absurd Animals

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Before reading

- Look at the cover and table of contents. What kind of animals do you think will be in this book?
- Talk about what makes an animal 'absurd':
 - Strange powers?
 - Silly habits?
 - Weird looks?
- Make a prediction: Which animal will be the most absurd of all?

During Reading

- Pause after each animal and ask:
 - What makes this animal absurd?
 - Is it something it does, how it looks, or how it survives?
 - What did scientists discover about it?
- Notice what you feel — do you laugh, gasp, or say “yuck”?

After Reading

Group discussion

- Which animal surprised you the most?
- Did you learn anything new about how animals live?
- Do you think absurd animals are more fun to read about? Why?

Activities

1. Absurd Animal Report

- Choose your favourite absurd animal from the book.
- Write a short report including:
 - Name of the animal
 - Where it lives
 - What makes it absurd
 - One fun or gross fact
- Add a drawing of the animal.

2. Invent Your Own Absurd Animal

- Use your imagination!
- Give your creature a name, a habitat, and a weird feature.
- Draw it and write a short description.

3. Absurd Animal Awards

- Make awards for animals in the book:
 - Silliest Face
 - Grossest Habit
 - Smartest Trick
- Write who wins and why!