

# IS THAT A DUCK? OR AN OTTER? NO, IT'S A PLATYPUS!

In *Beneath the Trees*, Cam and Sophie are on an adventure to see a platypus in the wild. But what is a platypus? Unique to Australia, platypus are special mammals known as monotremes.

Do you know the correct answers?

1. Monotremes are different from other mammals because they lay \_\_\_\_\_
2. Female platypuses feed their babies with \_\_\_\_\_
3. Platypus live on land but have webbed \_\_\_\_\_ and waterproof fur.
4. Male platypuses have a venomous spur on each hind \_\_\_\_\_
5. Like sharks, platypus use electroreceptors in their \_\_\_\_\_ to hunt their prey
6. The platypus has been featured on the Australian \_\_\_\_\_ cent coin since 1966.

Invent your own unique Australian animal. What does it look like? Where does it live? What special features does it have, and why?

My animal is called:



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Answers  
1. Eggs  
2. Milk  
3. Feet  
4. Legs  
5. Bill  
6. 20