

DIARY OF A WOMBAT BY JACKIE FRENCH & BRUCE WHATLEY



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✓	✓	✓	✓							

This book could be shared with all year levels but used to study reading and writing for the above year levels.

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	✓
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	
Presentation	



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Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	✓
Making Connections	
Predicting	✓
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	
Visualising	

Writing

There is no mistaking the strong VOICE in this text and it would be great to demonstrate how the right WORD CHOICE and decisions around SENTENCE FLUENCY can help portray strong character voice. The other thing I love about this text is the simplicity of the writing. It is short and staccato, but I could imagine the work Jackie French did to trim it down from being big long paragraphs to eventually tell the story in this simple way. You can follow Jackie French on Twitter to see regular videos of the wombats in her backyard (this would lead to useful discussions around where authors get their IDEAS).

Reading

I would use this text for practicing PREDICTING, QUESTIONING. Also, the students can gain information from the images and combine this with the text to practice their INFERRING.