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Book Tip Sheet

Wombat Big, Puggle Small

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This delightful story teaches children about opposites, friendship, and play. The story revolves around two animal characters, a wombat and echidna, and highlights their differences and a few similarities as we watch them play together.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Look at the cover and read the title aloud. Now point to the animal that is big and say, "Wombat big". Next, point to the animal that is small and say, "Puggle small".
- ▶ Now look closely at Wombat and Puggle. Point out some other things you notice about these animals and talk with your child about them. For example, their coats, their feet, their noses.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ As you read, point with your child to Wombat and Puggle on each page. Read through the story to the end in this way.
- ▶ Now, reread the story aloud, pointing to the 'opposites' words as you do. Big-small, short-tall, yuck-yum. Draw your child's attention to the different colour treatment these words receive.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ On the playmat, act out the story with you as Wombat and your child as Puggle. Show how you are big and your child is small. Pat your bottom and your tummy. Be quiet and then shout. Choose word pairs that appeal to you.
- ▶ Remind your child how Wombat and Puggle showed their bottoms and tums. Use this as a springboard to name other body parts. Act out some of the action word pairs saying them out loud as you do: roll, run; in, out; yawn, snuggle.

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