

W/b 13/07/20 – Lesson 3 – All over the World – Australia. LO: To write an acrostic poem.

Read the following text about Bushfires in Australia.

Bushfires in Australia are managed through **controlled burns** during the cooler months. This is where the firefighters burn the land in controlled situations. It is also known as prescribed burning or hazard reduction burning. Why would this be beneficial? Burning in controlled situations ensures the chances of bushfires spreading and causing danger in fire prone areas during the fire season are kept to a minimum. This is because fire needs fuel to burn and by burning the land prior to the fire season, the firefighters remove the fuel that the fire needs to become a dangerous bushfire.

Bushfires can cause extensive damage to homes, farmland and bushland. They can destroy animal homes and habitats and endanger the lives of people and animals. Bushfires can cause widespread damage and it can be challenging for firefighters to gain control and extinguish them. Firefighters use equipment such as fire trucks, light tankers (a small appliance that can respond first and quickly), pumps, water bombers, water planes and can prepare in advance with controlled burning.

In certain circumstances, fires have progressed to a stage where controlling them has become extremely difficult. This can result in the fire burning for extended periods before they can become under the control of the firefighters and extinguished. Fire trucks are used on the ground by the firefighters to tackle the fire. Water bombers are used to drop water on the fire from overhead. They can help extinguish spot fires that leap away from the main fire. Water planes can observe the fire, determine the direction and acceleration it is travelling at and pass on advice to the crew on the ground who are fighting the flames.

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Using the techniques you learned yesterday for acrostic poems, today you are going to write a poem about the dangers of bushfires in Australia. Following are the steps you need to follow.

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Step 1. Decide on the word or words you are going to use. *e.g. bushfires, deadly fire, Australia's danger.*

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Step 2. Write down as many words or phrases that you can think of to describe the word or words you have chosen. You can use the information text about bushfires, find information in a non-fiction book or go online and research bushfires yourself.

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Step 3. Now see if any of the words or phrases begins with the letters that you chose in Step 1.

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Step 4. If you need to find words beginning with the letters use a dictionary, a thesaurus or wordhippo.com to find synonyms that mean the same as your initial words. *e.g. fire – you can find the following words beginning with 'f' – flame, firestorm, furnace and flare.*

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Step 5. Make sure you have chosen a range of powerful adjectives, expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors.

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Step 6. Finally put your acrostic poem together. Remember to have the word you chose in Step 1 in capital letters vertically.