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Teacher Notes and Activities

Once A Creepy Crocodile

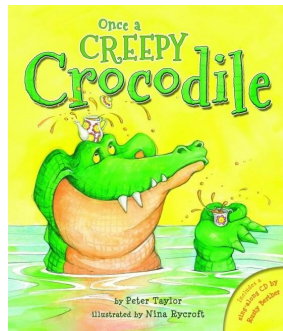
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Once, a creepy crocodile swam towards a riverbank, his eye on a very tasty brolga. When the crocodile invites the brolga to afternoon tea, the brolga's friends raise the alarm that it's a trap, and the crocodile must make do with a sneaky snake instead!



Themes:

- Looking out for friends
- Australian animals
- Afternoon Tea

Discussion Points:

- This story is set to the tune of Waltzing Matilda. Do you know this song? The lyrics are attached, so you might like to enjoy a sing along to it.
- What Australian animals are mentioned in the story? Have you heard of all of them before? If not, find out about the ones that you haven't heard of.
- In what areas of Australia do crocodiles live? What conditions do they need in order to survive?
- Do you think the crocodile was really going to eat the brolga or was he just joking?
- What do crocodiles normally eat?
- Would you trust a crocodile?
- How would you describe the actions of the snake?
- The animals all tried to protect the brolga from first the crocodile and then the snake. Why do you think the baby brolga didn't listen?
- How would you describe the other animals that tried to protect the brolga?
- Do you look out for your friends in the same way? What are some examples when you can help your friends? This could be in the playground, classroom or at home.

Activities:

- Make puppets of all of the animals in the story. You might then like to play the CD and have the children perform their own play.
- The crocodile set up a lovely afternoon tea for the brolga. Have your own class afternoon tea party, with everyone bringing a plate of their favourite treats to share.

Waltzing Matilda

*Lyrics by
A.B. Paterson*

Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong,
Under the shade of a Coolibah tree,
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boil,
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me,
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boil
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Down came a jumbuck to drink at that billabong
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee,
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me,
And he sang as he shoved that jumbuck in his tucker bag
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Up rode the squatter mounted on his thorough-bred
Down came the troopers One Two Three
Whose that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker bag
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda Waltzing Matilda
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me
Whose that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tucker-bag
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Up jumped the swagman sprang in to the billabong
You'll never catch me alive said he,
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.

Waltzing Matilda Waltzing Matilda
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong
You'll come a Waltzing Matilda with me.