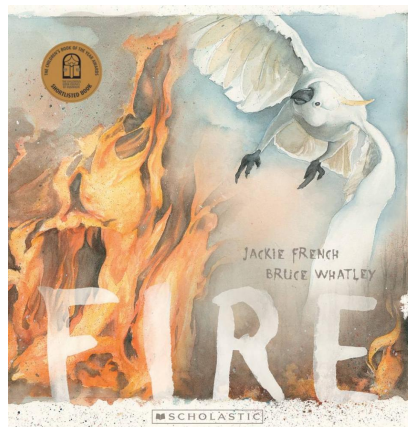


Bushfires: Worksheet 6

Fire

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Fire is a moving story about a natural disaster (a bushfire). The fire destroys homes and land and a family is forced to flee in their car. Brave volunteer fire fighters put out the fire, the family are safe but lose their home. Soon life returns to the land and those affected appreciate the importance of being safe and having each other.



Activity 1: Rhyming words

List all the sets of rhyming words you can find in *Fire*.

<i>sky</i>	<i>dry</i>
<i>awake</i>	

Activity 2: Words that rhyme

Find words that rhyme with each of the following:

Word	Rhyming word
<i>black</i>	
<i>air</i>	
<i>break</i>	
<i>fan</i>	
<i>command</i>	
<i>fight</i>	
<i>hose</i>	
<i>surround</i>	
<i>sound</i>	
<i>hose</i>	

Activity 3: Metaphors

The author of *Fire* uses metaphor to help bring her story alive. The fire is portrayed as a living, threatening creature. Identify the words and phrases used in the story that reinforce this metaphor.

Activity 4: Similes

The fire is compared to a snake. Why is the use of a snake a good choice of a simile?

Activity 5: Illustrations

Describe how the illustrator has enhanced the story. Think about his use of colour and symbolism.

Key ideas:

Simile – A figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more vivid.

Metaphors – A literary device that helps our minds come to grips with complex ideas by relating them to something more familiar and readily understood.

Symbolism – The use of representational forms or images that have meaning beyond what is obvious and immediate.