

## Bullfrog's Billabong — The play — How to use this resource

This resource supports use of the story *Bullfrog's Billabong* which is available as an estory, and as a covered cloze reading activity.

Display the play on the whiteboard for whole class reading; or print booklets for group or individual reading.

*Reading plays encourages fluency and expression.*

The play is suitable for performance by small groups or the whole class. The play may be presented to other class members, other classes, school assembly, or parents.

Use the *Bullfrog's Billabong - Character cut-outs* and *Bullfrog's Billabong - Days of the week* as props.

Seven participants are needed for a small group performance. The performer can hold as many puppets as there are animals in the group; for example, three turtle cut-out puppets.

For a whole class performance, 16 animals are required. Each group of animals (for example, the three turtles) can speak in unison. The other class members could narrate a particular day. With an MC introducing the play and thanking the audience at its conclusion, there should be a role for everyone.

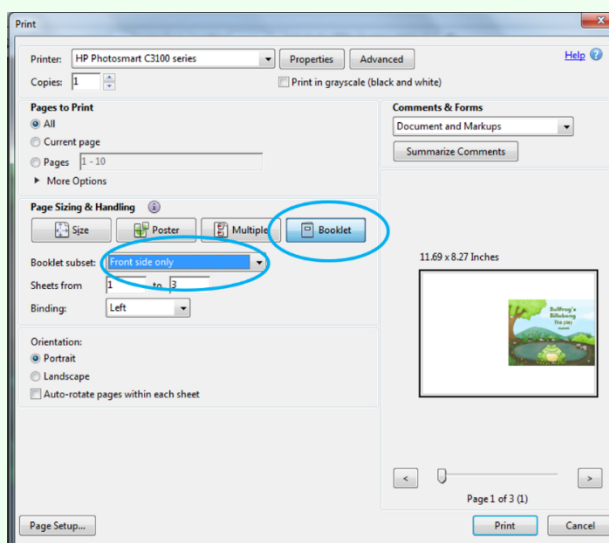
Children may like to include additional dialogue to add interest to the play, and I would encourage them to do so.

I hope you and your children enjoy performing *Bullfrog's Billabong — The play*.

### To Print as booklets

You may need to do a bit of experimenting, but this is what worked for me with my computer and printer (which does not print double sided automatically):

- Open the PDF
- Select File – Print
- Under Page Sizing & Handling, select **Booklet** and **Front side only**



- Print the three pages (pages are printed two per sheet with each page reduced to A5 size)
- Replace the printed sheets in the printer in the order they came out (first on the top, last on the bottom) with the print facing in the same direction it came out of the printer
- Select **Back side only** from Booklet subset dropdown menu, and print
- Compile the pages and staple in the centre with a long-arm stapler
- If you wish, make the booklets more durable by laminating the cover prior to stapling.