

My name is:

A Collaborative Comprehension Worksheet for Reading Partner Buddies

The Ugly Duckling – *A Let's do it again!* read in turn play by Ellie Hallett readingworks.com.au

1. Who wrote this famous story? _____
2. Research this author. Find, print and paste a small photo on the facing page, and then write about his life and work beside or under the photo.
Give a brief memorised talk to your partner about what you have found out about the author of this story.
3. What is an adult female swan called? What is an adult male swan called?
What is a baby swan called? _____
4. Watch a performance of the Dance of the Cygnets from the ballet, *Swan Lake*.
5. Research Australian water birds. Choose three favourites to research further.

Find or draw a picture of each one and paste them on the facing page.

Under each water bird picture, write its common name, and then in an italicised font, write its scientific name.

Include some fascinating facts about each of your water birds.

Choose different birds to your partner. An example is below:

Black Swan *Cygnus atratus*

A Black Swan has black feathers and a red bill with a white stripe on the tip.

The Swan River in Perth, Australia, is named after the two black swans that were captured on this waterway in 1697 by Dutch explorer Willem de Vlamingh. His plan was to take them back to Holland to prove that black swans exist.

Only white swans are found in the northern hemisphere, which explains the surprise people from overseas have when they first see black swans.

Partner's initials:

Teacher's initials: