

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, L will understand the importance of conservation and tourism in Western Australia, particularly in the areas visited during the recent family trip. L will be able to discuss how tourism impacts local ecosystems and what steps can be taken to protect these natural wonders.

## Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for taking notes
- Access to a computer or tablet for research purposes
- Map of Western Australia highlighting the visited locations
- Printed images of the places visited (Kalbarri, Denham, Monkey Mia, Coral Bay, Exmouth, Karrijini)
- List of conservation efforts in the region (can be printed or written down)

Before the lesson, ensure L has a basic understanding of what conservation means and why it is important for the environment. Familiarize L with the locations visited during the trip and their significance.

## Activities

- **Research Project:**

L will select one location from the trip and research its unique ecosystems, wildlife, and conservation efforts. This can include looking up local wildlife, endangered species, and conservation programs. L can present the findings in a short report or presentation.

- **Creative Writing:**

Encourage L to write a short story or a diary entry from the perspective of a tourist visiting one of the locations. This story should include encounters with wildlife and reflections on the importance of protecting nature.

- **Art Project:**

L can create a poster or collage showcasing the natural beauty of the locations visited. This can include drawings, cut-out images, and facts about conservation efforts in those areas.

- **Discussion and Reflection:**

Engage in a discussion about the balance between tourism and conservation. Ask L how they think tourists can help protect the environment while enjoying nature.

## Talking Points

- "What do you think conservation means, and why is it important?"
- "Can you name some animals or plants that are unique to the places we visited?"
- "How does tourism help local economies, and what are some potential downsides?"
- "What are some ways we can be responsible tourists when we visit natural areas?"

- "Why do you think places like Monkey Mia are famous for their wildlife encounters?"
- "How can we educate others about the importance of conservation?"
- "What conservation efforts did you learn about that are happening in Western Australia?"
- "How can we protect the oceans and marine life, especially in places like Coral Bay?"
- "What role do national parks like Karrijini play in conservation?"
- "How does our behavior as tourists impact the places we visit?"
- "What did you enjoy most about our trip, and how can we ensure others enjoy it too in the future?"
- "Why do you think it's important to preserve natural habitats for future generations?"