

Lesson: Blueback

Phase of learning

Years 5 - 6, Years 7 - 8

WA Curriculum

K-10 English, K-10 Science

Region

West Coast, South Coast

Summary

Students will study the Western blue groper in detail and compare the difference between the fiction text 'Blueback' and their written informative text in terms of structure and language.

Outcomes

- Students will explore how different texts vary in purpose, structure, topic and formality.
- Students will deliver an informative presentation - visual or verbal - for a defined audience.
- Students will research the biological features of a Western blue groper.

Duration

2-3x 45 minute lessons

Preparation

This lesson is part of a unit of work on the text Blueback. It assumes some previous study of the text has already been completed. View the full Unit [here](#).

Students may refer back to their research they completed in the Lesson: [Exposition](#).

Students will require a copy of Student worksheet: [Fishbone graphic organiser](#) and Fact sheet: [Western blue groper](#).

Students will require access to the internet and/or library to conduct further research Western blue groper.

Western Australian curriculum

LEARNING AREA	STRAND	SUB-STRAND	CODES
English	Language	Text structure and	ACELA1504

organisation

English	Literacy	Interpreting, analysing, evaluating	ACELY1721
Science	Science understanding	Biological sciences	ACSSU094

Steps

1. Blueback is a Western blue groper, a demersal species of fish found in Western Australian waters. Students will use the Fact sheet: [Western blue groper](#), prior research they may have done in the Lesson: [Exposition](#), and Student worksheet: [Fishbone graphic organiser](#) to research this species. Some suggested research headings include: distribution, life cycle, habitat, diet, vulnerability.
2. Ask students to consider how the information provided in the fact sheet differs to the text in Blueback in terms of language and structure.
3. Students will use information collected to present either a poster, presentation or report (or any other format of your choosing).

Related resources

[Student worksheet: Fishbone graphic organiser](#)

[Unit: Blueback](#)

[Fact Sheet: Western Blue Groper](#)

Keywords

Blueback, Western Australia, Western blue groper, research, recreational species, demersal,