



Activity: 3-4.9.1

Key Message

- Reproduction is a natural and necessary part of the human life cycle.

Activity Details

Victorian Curriculum

Health & PE Explore strategies to manage physical, social and emotional change
VCHPEP089

Time 20 minutes

Levels 3 & 4

Equipment • Mummy laid an egg! by Babette Cole, published by Random House UK, 1993

Mummy laid an egg!

Purpose

To introduce factual information about the process of conception and childbirth, in a fun and entertaining manner.

Teaching notes

This entertaining book explores some common myths about conception and childbirth. The children in the story triumph in the end by setting their parents straight on a few reproductive facts and presenting the information in a very matter-of-fact way.

Procedure

1. Introduce the book *Mummy laid an egg!* (Babette Cole, 1993) and discuss the front cover, asking the students what they think it might be about.
2. Read the book.

Discussion

Class discussion could focus on questions such as:

- What did you like about the book? (Discuss the fact that every human is already a winner because we were all created from an ovum, or egg, and a winning sperm).
- When you were younger, where did you think babies came from? (Allow time to discuss various myths).
- Why do you think these types of stories are told to children?
- What are the correct names of the body parts mentioned in the book?
- Why do you think there are animals on the last page? (Discuss how normal reproduction is in nature. Human reproduction is also a natural part of the life cycle. We need to reproduce to keep life going).

Cole, B 1993, *Mummy laid an egg!* Jonathan Cape, London. Available from FPV bookshop Ph. 9257 0146.

