

Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

Spring 1

Key Grammar:

- To proofread for punctuation and spelling errors
- To use the present tense correctly including present perfect and present progressive
- To use interesting expanded noun phrase
- To show rather than *tell* how Sunny feels.



About the Book:

Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close . . . so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decides it's just too crowded and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny just doesn't fit in. And who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around?

About the Author:

Emily Gravett was born in Brighton. She left school with few qualifications and spent 8 years living on the road (in a variety of vehicles) before settling back in Brighton and getting a place on the BA(Hons) Illustration course at Brighton University.

Audience: Younger Readers 7-9

Key Outcome: To write story based on a voyage and return plot

Key Vocabulary:

relatives – member of someone's family

marsh - swampland

danger – the possibility of something unpleasant happening

mail – letters and parcels sent by post

Other books to read:

- Tidy
- Cyril and Pat
- Again!