

## Daddy Cuddle

By Kate Mayes

Illustrated by Sara Acton

### Book summary

'Daddy up?'

It's early in the morning and one little rabbit is wide awake ...

From bestselling author Kate Mayes (*Stew a Cockatoo*, *Count My Kisses*, *Little One* and *Count My Christmas Kisses* – writing as Ruthie May) and award-winning illustrator Sara Acton (*Ben and Duck*, *Esther's Rainbow* and *The Unexpected Crocodile*) comes this gorgeous tale of an early riser who just wants to play.

A book to be loved and treasured by children, fathers and families everywhere.

### Curriculum areas and key learning outcomes

**Foundation:** ACELA1429, ACELA1430, ACELA1432, ACELA1433, ACELA1435, ACELA1434, ACELA1786, ACELA1758, ACELA1439, ACELA1440, ACELT1575, ACELT1577, ACELT1578

**Year 1:** ACELA1446, ACELA1448, ACELA1449, ACELA1451, ACELT1581, ACELT1582

### Appropriate ages

0–6

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## About the author

Kate Mayes is the bestselling author of *Stew a Cockatoo*, *Count My Kisses*, *Little One* and *Count My Christmas Kisses* (writing as Ruthie May).

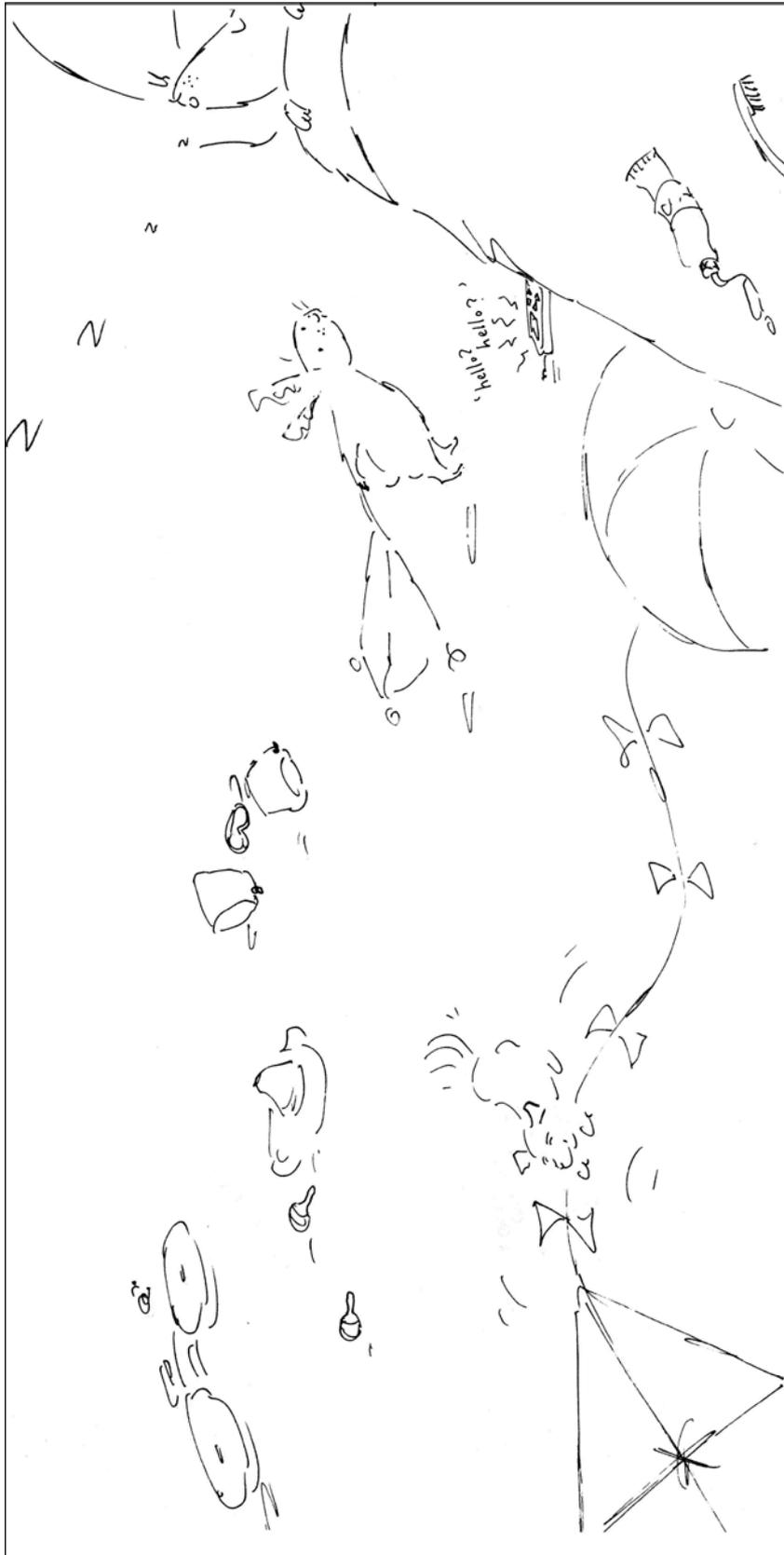
## About the illustrator

Sara Acton grew up in the Cotswolds in England but now lives in a small seaside village near Sydney, where she enjoys writing and illustrating for children in her studio. Her first picture book, *Ben and Duck*, won the 2012 Children's Book Council of Australia Crichton Award for New Illustrators.

## Discussion questions and activities

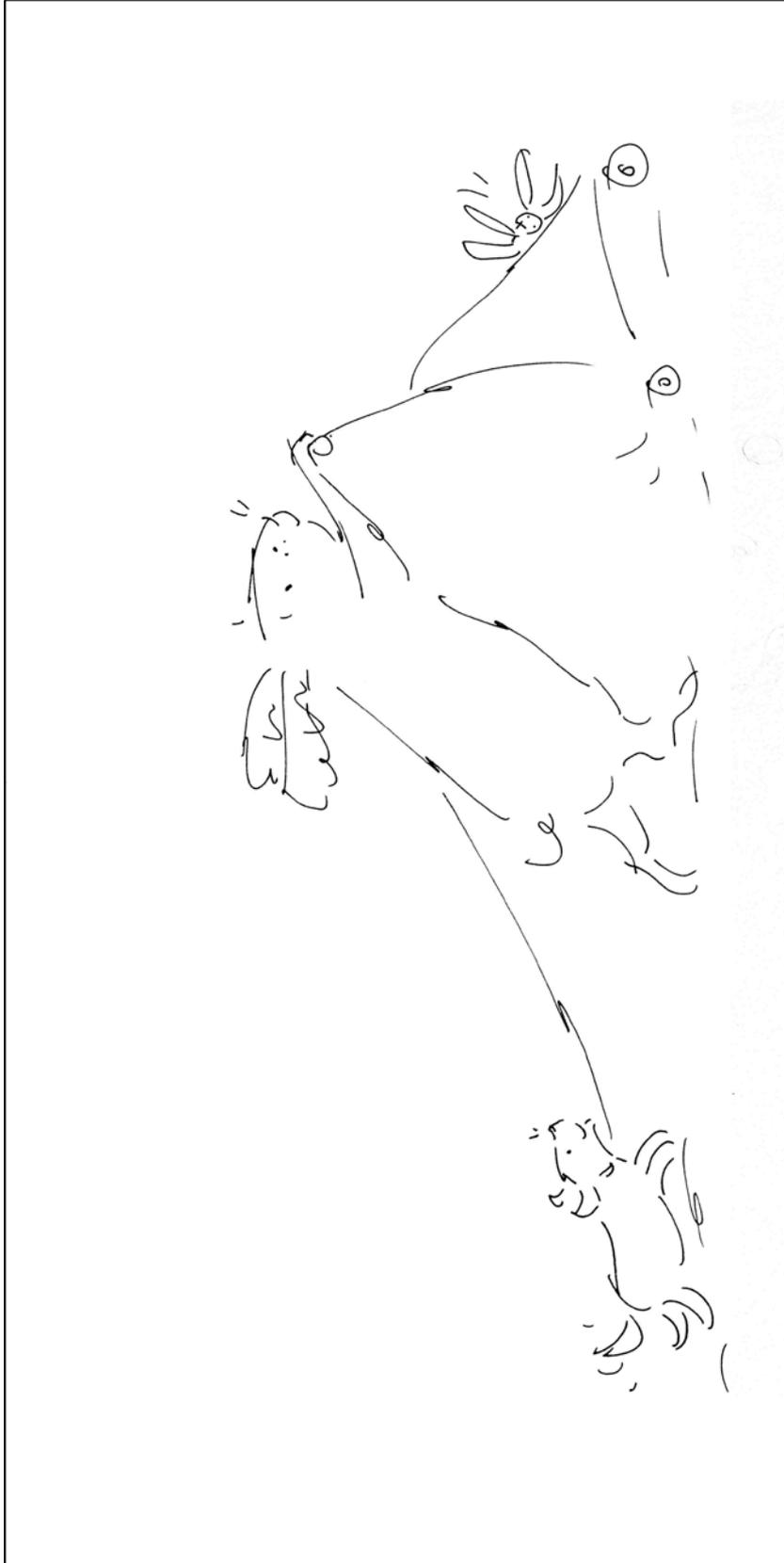
- Before reading *Daddy Cuddle*, look at the cover of the book. Identify the following:
  - the title
  - the author's name
  - the illustrator's name
  - the publisher
  - the blurb.
- Based on the cover, what do you think this story is about? How do you think it will begin and end?
- Different lettering (also called a 'typeface' or 'font') is used in the book. When is this different lettering used? Why do you think it is used in these places?
- *Bunny's eyes go ping!* In the first few lines of the story, what tells us that it's very early in the morning?
- Look at the first page spread. What does Bunny want to know?
- How do we know that Bunny is trying to ask his daddy questions?
- What is Daddy doing?
- List all the different things that Bunny tries to do to wake Daddy.
- What does Bunny need to do to finally wake his daddy?
- When Daddy wakes, what does he do?
- How do Bunny and Daddy like to snuggle?
- Do you remember a time when you woke very early? What did you do to try to wake a family member?
- Think of other words that can be used instead of cuddle.
- Create your own drawing of Bunny trying to wake Daddy.

Colour activity 1



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Colour activity 2



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