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**Word Splash**

**Informative Writing Graphic Organizer**

Topic: Opossums

Topic Sentence: Opossums are interesting animals.

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| Key Words | Tell me about it: |
| Marsupials | Opossums are marsupials. Marsupials keep their babies safe inside a pouch on their mother’s bodies. |
| Nocturnal | Opossums are nocturnal. This means that they are active at nighttime, and they sleep during the daytime. |
| Mammals | Opossums are animals with fur. The mother gives birth to live young and feeds its babies milk. |
| Tails | Opossums have long skinny tails. They can hang from a tree by their tails. |

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| **Closing Sentence**  Opossums, the only marsupial that lives in North America, is a very unusual mammal. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . |