

# All About Koalas



## Where Do Koalas Live?

Koalas live in Australia. They live in trees called eucalyptus trees.



## What Do Koalas Eat?

Koalas eat leaves from eucalyptus trees.

## Koala Babies

A koala baby is called a joey. A koala joey lives in its mum's pouch until it is about six months old.



## What Do Koalas Do?

Koalas spend most of their time in trees. They have strong arms and legs and sharp claws. They have two thumbs on their front paws to help them to grip and climb.



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# Questions

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- ☐ Australia

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- ☐ eucalyptus
- ☐ green

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- ☐ a jimmy
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Koalas are mostly nocturnal. This means that they are most active at night but they can sometimes be active in the daytime.

## What Do Koalas Look Like?

Koalas have mainly grey or grey-brown fur. Their heads are round with big, fluffy ears. They have small eyes and a large, black nose.

## Baby Koalas

Koalas are marsupials. A marsupial is an animal that carries its baby in a pouch. A baby koala is called a joey. A koala joey stays in its mother's pouch for about six months.



## Did You Know...?

A kangaroo is also a marsupial.



Koalas spend most of their time in trees. They have very strong arms and legs and sharp claws. They have two thumbs on their front paws to help them to grip and climb.



### Fun Facts

Koalas have fingerprints.  
Koalas can sleep for about 20 hours a day!

### What Do Koalas Eat?

Koalas are herbivores. This means that they only eat plants. They mainly eat eucalyptus leaves from the trees that they live in. Eucalyptus leaves are thick and have water inside them. This is where koalas get most of their water from.



# Questions

1. What type of trees do koalas live in? Tick one.

- ☐ cherry trees  
☐ eucalyptus trees  
☐ oak trees

2. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

- ☐ They have small eyes and a large, black nose.  
☐ Koalas live in Australia.  
☐ Koalas are marsupials.

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

A baby koala is...

an animal that  
carries its baby  
in a pouch.

A marsupial is...

mostly nocturnal.

Koalas are...

called a joey.

4. Fill in the missing words.

Koalas can sleep for about \_\_\_\_\_ a day.

5. Find and copy one word which describes an animal that only eats plants.

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# Answers

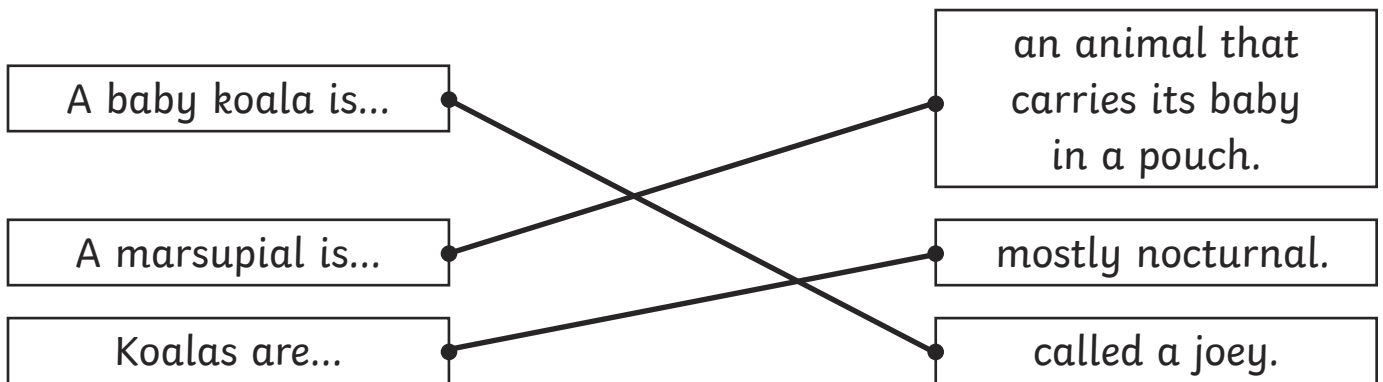
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## What Do Koalas Look Like?

Koalas have mainly grey or grey-brown fur. Their heads are round with big, fluffy ears. They have small eyes and a large, black nose. Koalas do not have good eyesight but they do have a good sense of smell and good hearing.

Some people call them koala bears but this is not correct. Koalas are not bears. They are marsupials.

## Baby Koalas

A marsupial is an animal that carries its baby in a pouch. A koala baby is called a joey. They are born with no fur and they can not see or hear. They crawl into their mother's pouch where they carry on growing. This takes about six months. Young koalas often ride on their mother's back.



## Fun Fact

A newborn baby koala is the size of a bean.





### Did You Know...?

A kangaroo is also a marsupial.

### What Do Koalas Do?

Koalas spend most of their time in trees and only come down to move to a different tree. They eat and sleep in trees and can sleep for about 20 hours a day. Koalas have very strong arms and legs and sharp claws. They have rough pads on their paws and two thumbs on their front paws to help them to grip and climb.



### Fun Fact

Koalas have fingerprints.

### What Do Koalas Eat?

Koalas are **herbivores**. They only eat leaves and mainly eat the eucalyptus leaves from the trees that they live in. Eucalyptus leaves are very thick and contain water so this is where Koalas get most of their water from. This means that koalas do not often have to climb down from the trees to have a drink.

### Glossary

**herbivores:** An animal that eats plants.

**nocturnal:**  
Active at night.

# Questions

1. Which word describes an animal that lives in trees? Tick one.

- ☐ nocturnal  
☐ arboreal  
☐ herbivore

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ A marsupial is an animal that carries its baby in a pouch.  
☐ Koalas have very strong arms and legs and sharp claws.  
☒ 1 Koalas have mainly grey or grey-brown fur.  
☐ Young koalas often ride on their mother's back.

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Koalas are not \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. What is the first fact that we learn when reading the text?

**The first fact that we learn is that koalas live in Australia.**

4. Fill in the missing word.

Koalas are not **bears**.

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**herbivore**

6. What do you think would happen to koalas if lots of the eucalyptus trees are cut down?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the koalas would be in danger because they would have nowhere to live and no food to eat.**