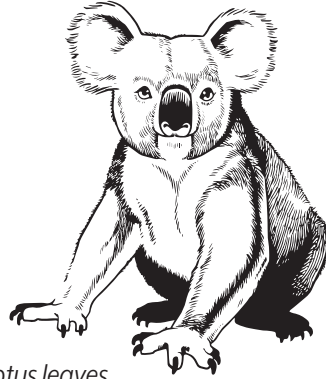


# Koalas

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Koala Facts

• The koala is a marsupial that lives in Eastern Australia. Like the kangaroo and wombat, female koalas have a pouch in which they carry their young.



• They are nocturnal animals, feeding mostly at night on eucalyptus leaves.

• Koalas do not drink much water. They get most of the moisture they need from the leaves they eat.

• Koalas eat about one kilogram of eucalyptus leaves a day.

• Koalas sleep about 18 hours a day.

• The koala is the only marsupial without a tail.

• A baby koala is called a joey.

• About 100 years ago, the koala was hunted almost to extinction for its fur.

Do you know any more interesting facts about koalas?

## Animal Patterns

Draw an outline of the koala mask onto a piece of cardboard and cut it out.



Paint the face grey and the nose black.

Tie some string or elastic to each side of the koala mask.

You could add some cotton wool to the ears to make them fluffy.

## Save the Koala Poster

Koalas face many problems in the wild. (habitat destruction, dog attacks, being hit by cars when they cross roads, disease)

Make a poster illustrating one of these problems and what people can do to help save the koala.

## Writing a Narrative

Write a narrative (story) about the topic:

'Joey's Great Adventure'

Joey is a young koala who wanders off from his mother and gets lost.

## Plan your story.

Who are the people or animals in your story? (characters)

Where does the story take place? (setting)

What happens to Joey? (sequence of events)

How does the story end? (resolution)

## Number Crunchers

Park rangers caught and weighed 5 koalas.

koala 1 - 6 kg  
koala 2 - 8 kg  
koala 3 - 7 kg  
koala 4 - 9 kg  
koala 5 - 10 kg



Which koala weighed the most?

Which koala weighed the least?

What is the combined weight of all 5 koalas?

If each koala eats 1 kg of eucalyptus leaves a day, how many kg of leaves will the 5 koalas eat in a day?

