

SAFE TUTOR

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL DISCOVERY



Koala

My 10-page learning book

For curious learners aged 5 to 9

What am I?



I am a tree-dwelling marsupial found only in Australia.

Spell my name

KOALA

K O A L A

Clap the syllables

ko - a - la

Say it slowly. Clap once for each part.

Now say the whole name smoothly.

Write the name three times:

What do I look like?



I have thick grey fur, fluffy ears, a large dark nose and strong claws for climbing.

Look closely. Point to one feature that helps you recognise me.

What do I do?



I climb eucalyptus trees and sleep or rest for much of the day.

Movement challenge: Can you move safely like me for five seconds?

What do I eat?



I eat leaves from selected eucalyptus trees. My body is specially adapted to digest them.

Think: Am I a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore? Use my food clues to explain.

Where do I live?



I live in eucalyptus forests and woodlands
in eastern and southern Australia.

**Draw my habitat here: trees, water,
grass, rocks or another safe home.**

How do I grow up?



My baby is called a joey. It grows in a pouch and later rides on its mother's back.

Tell a partner: What does the parent or habitat provide for the young?

Amazing fact!



Koalas have two thumbs on each front paw to help them grip branches.

Share the fact in your own words. Start with: "Did you know...?"

Show what you know

1. Spell Koala.

2. Where does this animal live?

3. What does it eat?

4. Name one special body feature.

5. Tell one amazing fact.

Great work, wildlife explorer!