

Australian Animals

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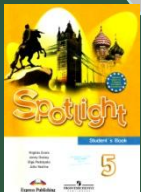
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Koala



Did you know that...

- ~koala means 'no water'?
- ~they never drink, but they get all the liquid they need from eucalyptus leaves?
- ~they swim very well?
- ~they sleep during the day?



Kangaroo

A kangaroo has got a big body, a long tail and very strong hind legs.

It is red and grey with big ears and big black eyes.

They eat grasses and leaves.



Did you know that...

~the comfortable hopping speed for red kangaroos is 20-25 km/h, but they can hop as fast as 70 km/h over short distances?

Its front legs are very short.

They have special teeth for chopping their food.

They can kick to kill a man.



Bilby



Did you know that...

- ~a bilby sleeps sitting on its back paws?
- ~ it hides its head between its front paws?
- ~ it closes its eyes by its long ears?



Echidna

They have got hair and spines. They are brown and beige.

They have got very short, strong legs with large claws.

It is thick and clumsy but it can swim very well.

Did you know that...

~it lays eggs like a bird and has a pouch like a kangaroo?



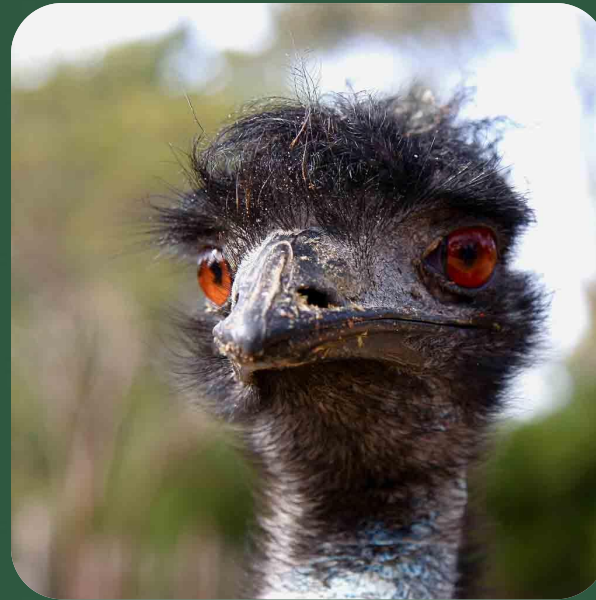
They have long snouts.

They can see very well.

It eats ants, earthworms and termites.

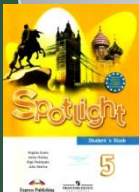


Emu



Did you know that...

~they also like sitting
in the mud?



Dingo

Dingo is a wild dog.

Dingo has got short thick fur.

Its typical colour is red but it can be, black, white or greyish.

Did you know that...

~a pureblooded dingo doesn't bark but it can growl and howl?



It is active at night.

It kills sheep but it doesn't eat them.

It eats rabbits, small mammals, birds, reptiles and carrion.

It has got dens in caves and holes.



Duck-Billed Platypus

It is an egg-laying,
duck-billed,
beaver-tailed
mammal.

It's got
brown fur.

It's got a
broad, flat
tail.

Did you know that...

~it's got a sense of
electroreception which helps it
find food underwater when a
platypus can't see or hear?



It can dig
resting and
nesting
burrows.

It eats worms insect,
shrimps, and
freshwater crayfish.

It has webbed
feet and a large,
rubbery snout.



Wombat

It has got short legs, small ears and a black nose.

It has got very a short tail and small black eyes.

They have got brown, grey and black fur.

Did you know that...

~they have a backwards pouch? That's why they don't gather dirt when they dig.



They eat grass, bark and roots.

It has got strong claws and big front teeth for digging their burrow systems.



Western Ringtail Possum

It has got dark brown or grey fur and a strong white-tipped tail.

It has got a black head, red ears and a cream chest and stomach.

Its tail helps it move through the forest.

Did you know that...

~it can have up to 3 babies which live in the pouch and stay with their parents up to 7 months?



It lives in the nests or in the hollows of old eucalyptus trees.

It eats peppermint tree leaves, buds, blossoms and soft fruit.

It is active at night.



Tasmanian Devil

It has got small round red ears and a pointed dark brown nose.

It has got black fur with a white spot on its chest.

Its teeth are sharp.

Did you know that...

~it can eat everything: small animals, insects, snakes, roots, frogs? But most of all it likes carrion! That's why it stops some diseases.



It looks like a small dog.

It has got short and strong paws with sharp claws to find food.

It lives only in the Australian island state of Tasmania.



Crocodile

They've got eyes and nostrils on the top part of the head.

Its long tail helps the crocodile swim and move fast.

They eat fish, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Did you know that...

~they do not chew their food? They swallow it in large chunks.

~they've got a voice box in the throat to communicate with each other?



They have got thick and rugged skin.

They can jump high out of the water to catch their prey.

Crocodiles have very strong jaws



Pelican

It is the largest Australian bird.

It's got a very long pink bill.

It is white with black wings.

Did you know that...

~it's got a bag on its bill which can take up to 12 liters of water into it?



It's got brown eyes with white rings around.



It eats fish, sea animals and even ducklings and sea-gulls.

It lives about 17 years.

It's clumsy but it can climb the trees very well.

Kookaburra

Did you know that...

- ~a kookaburra can laugh like a man?
- ~ it can copy different sounds?



Bearded Dragon

This lizard lives in the arid, rocky, semi-desert regions and dry open woodlands.

It can change its colour like a chameleon.

Its head has got spiny scales arranged in rows and clusters.



Did you know that...

~avocado, rhubarb and broccoli can kill bearded dragons?

~also they cannot eat citrus fruits, spinach and bananas?



It lives about 15 years.

It eats leafy greens, vegetables, fruit, insects and worms.

It makes good pets for children.

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