

Australian Animals

Australia is a very big country with lots of different animals. Read on to find out some fun facts about some of the more well-known ones.

Types of Australian Animals

Koalas are usually found in trees. They can sleep for up to 22 hours a day! They have very sharp claws which help them to climb trees easily. They have a pouch, like a kangaroo.



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Dingoes are a type of dog, a bit like a wolf.

Some people in Australia think dingoes are pests because they attack farm animals.

Wombats are very similar to koalas - they also have a pouch.

They like to dig a lot, so their pouch is backwards-facing. This stops dirt from flicking onto their babies.



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Kangaroos are found in many places in Australia. There are four types of kangaroo.

A baby kangaroo is called a joey. They stay in their mother's pouch until they are old enough to leave.

Questions

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- sharp claws
 long legs
 sharp teeth

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- they have big ears
 they have a pouch
 they climb trees

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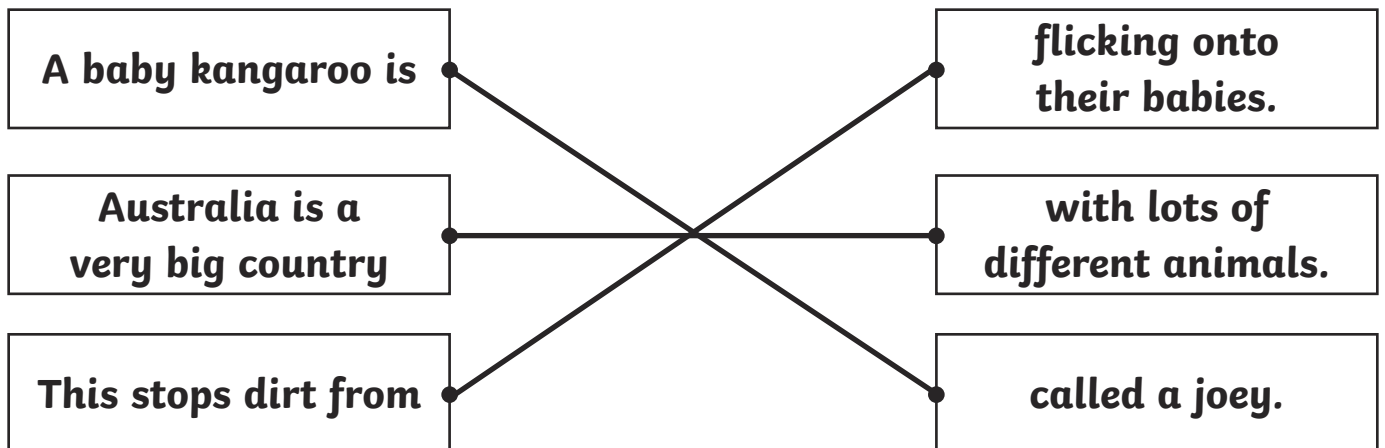
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