

Australia's Marsupials

Q1. What is a marsupial?

Ans. A marsupial is an animal that carries its baby in its pouch.

Q2. What does a koala look like?

Ans. A koala looks very cute and cuddly with its large head, big nose and long ears.

Q3. Why is a koala called a 'koala'?

Ans. The koala is called a 'koala' because it means 'no drink'. This is because a koala does not drink water.

Q4. Koalas almost became extinct. Why?

Ans. Koalas almost became extinct because the forests in which they lived were cleared for farming and building towns.

Q5. Why were koalas killed?

Ans. Koalas were killed for their warm and beautiful fur.

Q6. What does a kangaroo do when its joey becomes too heavy?

Ans. When a joey becomes too heavy, the mother pulls it out by its tail from the pouch and puts it on the ground.

Q7. Why do kangaroos have strong hind legs?

Ans. Kangaroos have strong hind legs to help them leap or jump.

Q8. Why are some kangaroos called 'blue-fliers'?

Ans. Some kangaroos are called 'blue fliers' because of their blue-grey coats.

Q9. What are dingos?

Ans. Dingos are the wild dogs of Australia.

Q10. How do dingos hunt and for what?

Ans. Dingos hunt in small groups for kangaroos, sheep and cattle.

Q11. Pick out words from the passage that mean the same as:-

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| i. | animal | - | creature |
| ii. | soft | - | tender |
| iii. | lives | - | stays |
| iv. | died out | - | extinct |
| v. | crawls | - | wriggles |
| vi. | jump | - | leap |
| vii. | support | - | balance |
| viii. | untamed | - | wild |
| ix. | keep safe | - | protect |

Ans12. Pick out words from the passage that are opposites of:-

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| i. | big | - | small |
| ii. | dies | - | lives |
| iii. | tough/hard | - | tender |
| iv. | male | - | female |
| v. | destroying | - | building |
| vi. | endangered | - | protected |
| vii. | danger | - | safety |
| viii. | light | - | heavy |
| ix. | domestic | - | wild |