

Unit 2 Iconic Attractions

Reading for Writing

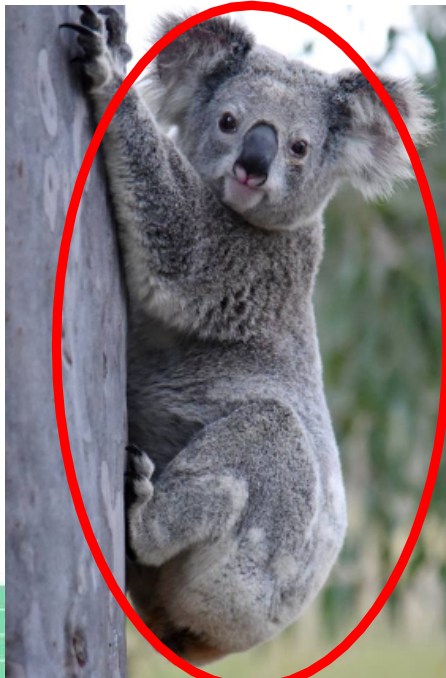
Describe an iconic animal

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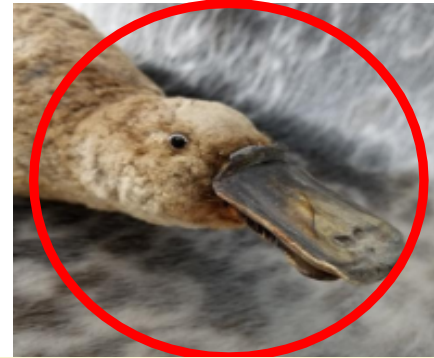
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**duck-billed
platypus**



Read the text and then answer the questions on page 21.

The Amazing Animals of Australia

Our topic today is “**Creatures Unique to Australia**”, with questions answered by wildlife expert, Dr Jim Smith.



Australia has lots of unique animals, but which animal is a symbol of the country?

It has to be the kangaroo, as it has a wide distribution throughout the country. It's a tough animal that has to survive in a difficult

1. When do baby kangaroos begin to spend less time with their mothers?

After they are about seven or eight months old and when they begin to jump.

2. Why shouldn't you try to pet a wild kangaroo?

They can hit and kick very hard.

3. What do koalas spend most of their time doing?

They spend quite a lot of time eating, sleeping, and hanging onto tree trunks.

4. Why has the government made it against the law to handle koalas?

Because interaction with humans can cause them a lot of stress.

5. What two things about Tasmanian devils can bother people most?

The noise they make could wake the dead and they have a terrible smell.

6. What do Tasmanian devils like to eat?

Their diet is mostly dead animals.

7. What makes the way duck-billed platypuses give birth so different from other mammals?

It lays eggs in a nest like a bird.

8. What is the unique way used by duck-billed platypuses to find food?

It finds food in the water by using electrical sensors in its bill.

Read the text again and fill in the blanks.

Kangaroos has a wide distribution. It cannot walk backwards, so it is always moving forwards. Baby kangaroos sleep and drink milk in a protected environment. After they learn to jump, they spend less time with their mother and learn to be independent.



Read the text again and fill in the blanks.

Koalas are very sensitive creatures. They spend quite a lot of time eating, sleeping, and hanging onto tree trunks. The government began to make laws against touching koalas. You have to go to certain licensed zoos to hold a koala.



Read the text again and fill in the blanks.

Tasmanian devils hunt at night. You may hear their loud cries when they are fighting or eating. They are about the size of small dogs and look like rather large black rats. They also have a terrible smell! Their diet is mostly dead animals.



Read the text again and fill in the blanks.

The duck-billed platypus is a primitive mammal, but it lays eggs in a nest like a bird. Its nose looks like a duck's bill, and it has feet like a duck's so it can dive under the water, but it's covered in hair.

The platypus find food in the water by using electrical sensors in its bill rather than using its senses of sight or smell.



How does the writer describe these animals?

Find at least three **rhetorical devices** the writer uses to arouse the readers' interest.

A **rhetorical device** is a use of language in speech or writing in a special way that influences or entertains people.

Rhetorical devices go beyond the meaning of words to create effects that are creative and imaginative, adding literary quality to writing.

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