

ALL ABOUT KOALAS!

KOALAS LESSON PLAN

Week at a Glance:

- Day One: Intro to Koalas
- Day Two: Koala Habitats
- Day Three: What do Koalas Eat?
- Day Four: Life Cycle of a Koala
- Day Five: Conservation



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LESSON PLAN

Day One: Intro to Koalas
Objective: The students will be able to identify physical characteristics about koalas & will define marsupial.



LESSON PLAN: DAY ONE

Introduction (5 minutes):
Teacher Says: This week we are learning all about koalas! What do you already know about koalas? Is there anything special that you want to know more about? Koalas are a type of marsupial.

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KOALA HABITATS

Directions: In the circles below, write four facts about koala habitats.

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VOCABULARY SQUARE

Word: marsupial	Definition:
Sentence:	

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DIET UNSCRAMBLE

Directions: Unscramble each word associated with the koala diet.

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LIFE CYCLE QUICK

- What are baby koalas called?
- When are joeys able to become independent?
- What is special about the koala life cycle?

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FACTS

Oak trees are where koalas mostly live.

Koalas typically only eat eucalypt leaves.

Koalas drink a lot of water.

Koalas get most of their water from leaves.

Koalas are picky eaters!



A COMPREHENSIVE FIVE DAY UNIT ALL ABOUT KOALAS!

Includes lesson plans, graphic organizers, craft ideas, projects, comprehension questions and more!

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Lesson (20 minutes):

*The teacher will play the video, "Koalas 101" from National Geographic Kids - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oI3ADcDH0Uc>

*After the video, the teacher will guide the students in completing the "Koalas can, have, are" graphic organizer.

*The teacher will also guide the students in writing the definition for marsupial in the "Vocabulary Square" attached below.

Independent Work (10 minutes)

*The students will independently write a sentence and draw a picture of a waterfowl in the "Vocabulary Square" activity sheet.

Closing (5 minutes)

*With a partner, the students will share their sentence and picture from the "Vocabulary Square".

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VOCABULARY SQUARE

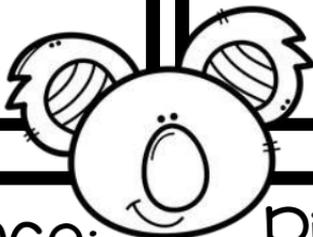
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Day Two: Koala Habitats

Objective: The students will be able to identify where koalas live & what they need in their habitat to survive.



LESSON PLAN: DAY TWO

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: What is a habitat? A habitat is where an animal lives, eats and sleep! Today, we are going to learn more about where koalas live! You may have seen a koala in your local zoo, but in the wild, you will only find them in Australia! They are mostly found in the eastern and southeastern coasts of Australia, primarily in eucalyptus forests, woodlands and open forests. They spend almost all of their time in trees!

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Lesson (15 minutes):

*The teacher will read the book, "The Nature Kid's Guide to Koalas: A Level 2 Reader for Curious Young Kids Who Love Koalas!" Questions to ask during/after reading - Where do koalas live in the wild? What kinds of trees do koalas need to survive? Why do koalas spend most of their time in trees? How do trees help them to stay safe?

*The teacher will guide the students in completing the "Koala Habitats" graphic organizer attached below, recording four facts about koala habitats.

Independent Work (10 minutes)

*The students will use the "Design-A-Home" template below to draw a koala habitat. The students will draw a koala habitat like a forest or woodlands, including eucalyptus trees. Then, the students will label the habitat, marking trees, food sources, sleeping spots, water, etc. Color & decorate!

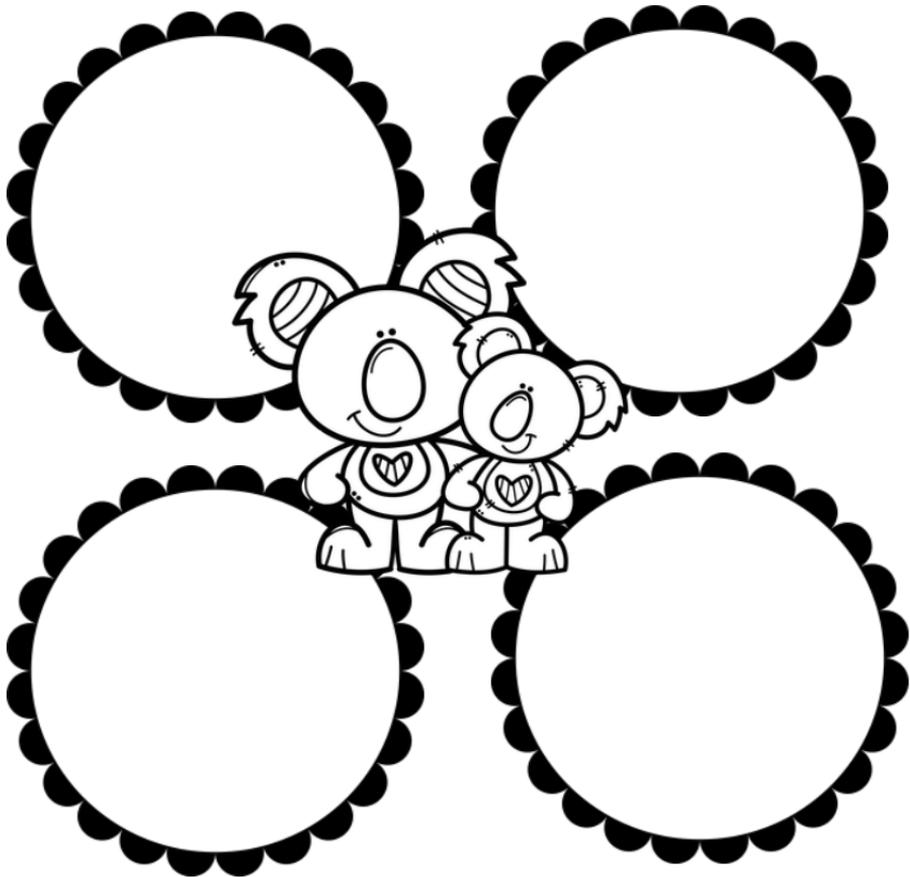
Closing (5 minutes)

*The students will share their koala habitats with a partner or in small groups explaining their choices for what they included.

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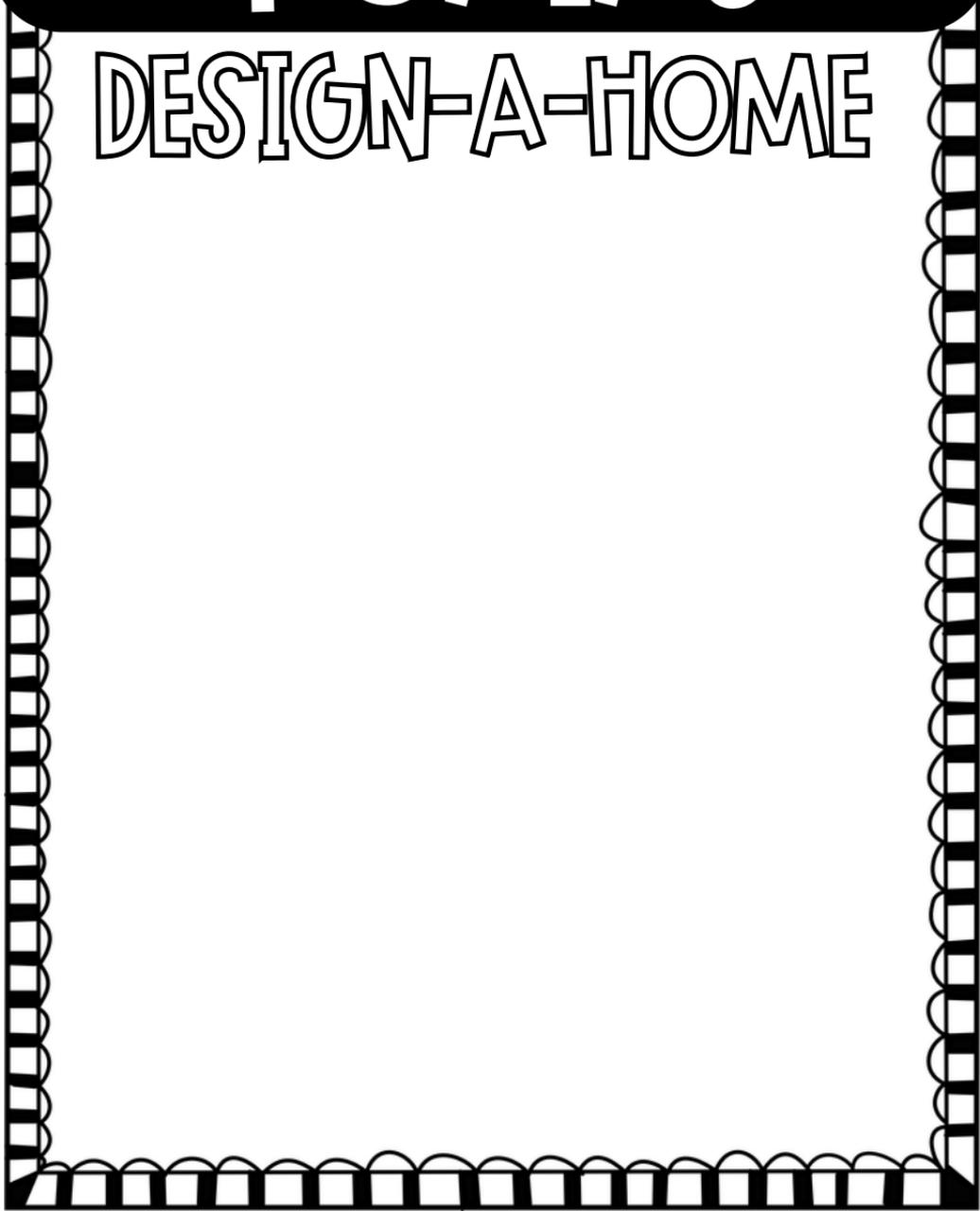
KOALA HABITATS

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DESIGN-A-HOME



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Day Three: Koala Diet

Objective: The students will be able to identify what koalas eat and how they get their food.



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LESSON PLAN: DAY THREE

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: Today, we are exploring more about the koala diet. In previous lessons, we talked a little bit about what koalas eat. Who remembers what their main food source is? That's right - leaves! Koalas are actually very picky eaters and typically only eat eucalyptus leaves. They have special, long stomachs, which help to break down the leaves. However, eucalyptus leaves don't have much energy, which is why koalas sleep most of the day! They also primarily get their water intake from the leaves.

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Lesson (15 minutes):

*The teacher will read, "All Things Koalas For Kids: Filled With Plenty of Facts, Photos, and Fun to Learn all About Koala Bears". Questions to ask during/after reading - What do koalas eat? How do they utilize their physical traits to get/eat food? Why do they sleep all day? Why do they need special stomachs?

*The teacher will guide the students in completing the "Fact or Fiction" activity sheet attached below. The students will color in the true statements in green and the false statements in red.

Independent Work (10 minutes)

*The students will complete the "Diet Unscramble" attached below. Each word is associated with what koalas eat.

Closing (5 minutes)

*The teacher will give each student a sticky note or index card. They will write one interesting thing they learned from the lesson.

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FACT OR FICTION?

Directions: Color the facts in green. Color statements that are fiction in red.

Koalas eat leaves.

Koalas sleep most of the day.

Koalas also eat small insects.

Oak trees are where koalas mostly live.

Koalas typically only eat eucalyptus leaves.

Koalas drink a lot of water.

Koalas get most of their water from leaves.

Koalas are picky eaters!

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DIET UNSCRAMBLE

Directions: Unscramble each word associated with the koala diet.

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Day Four: Life Cycle of Koalas

Objective: The students will be able to describe the stages of the life cycle of a koala.

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LESSON PLAN: DAY FOUR

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: Today, we will explore more about the life cycle of a koala. We learned in a previous lesson that koalas are marsupials, which makes their life cycle a little more unique. Baby koalas are called joeys. When they are first born, they still have more developing to do, so they spend about 6 months in their mother's pouch. They drink milk and continue to develop. Then, they become juvenile koalas around one year old, able to be mostly independent. They are fully formed, adult koalas around 2 or 3.

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Lesson (15 minutes):

*The students will watch the video, "Koalas for Kids" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DOFTIngsXg>

*After the video, the students will complete the "Koala Life Cycle" activity sheet attached below. The teacher will guide the students in describing & identifying each stage.

Independent Work (10 minutes)

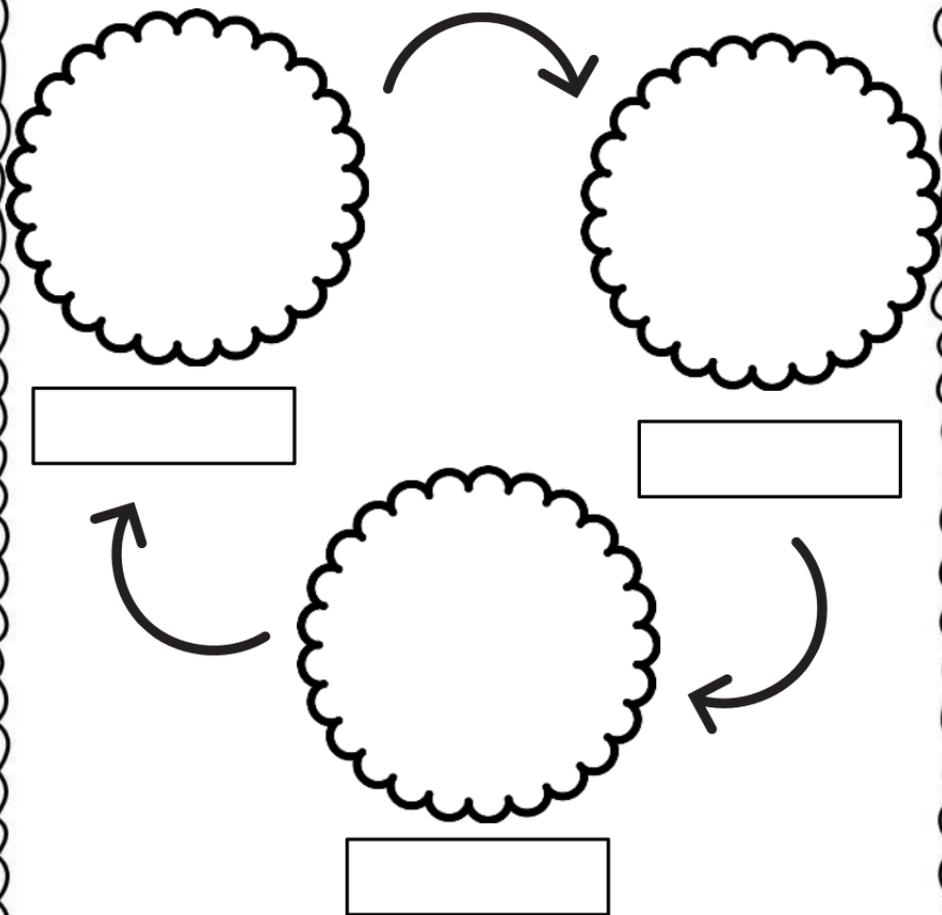
*The students will complete the "Koala Quick Check" attached below.

Closing (5 minutes)

*Whole Group Discussion: What is special about the koala life cycle? Does it remind you of any other animal's life cycle? Why is the first 6 months of their life important?

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Koala Life Cycle



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LIFE CYCLE QUICK CHECK

1. What are baby koalas called?

2. When are joeys able to become more independent?

3. What is special about the koala life cycle?

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Day Five: Koala Conservation

Objective: The students will be able to explain what threats there are to koalas and how we are working to keep them safe.

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LESSON PLAN: DAY FIVE

Introduction (5 minutes):

*Teacher Says: What is conservation? Conservation means taking care of animals and their homes so that they can live safely. For koalas, what do you think is important to protect for them to live safely? Koalas face problems like people cutting down trees, bushfires that destroy their habitats, droughts and not enough water or leaves. How can people help keep koalas safe? A few ways that people are helping koalas are planting new trees, creating protected areas and parks for their habitats, rescuing sick/injured koalas & teaching other people about koalas!

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Lesson (15 minutes):

*The teacher will show the video, "Koala Hospital" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyAwTuHYgDs>

*After the video, discuss what the hospital is doing to help koalas. Ask the students: How do you think kids can help koalas? Learn about them, draw posters to spread awareness, be kind to wildlife, recycle and plant trees to keep the Earth healthy!

Independent Work (10 minutes)

*The students will draw a picture and write a 4-5 sentence paragraph about how we can keep koalas safe using the attached template.

Closing (5 minutes)

*The students will share their writing pieces with the class or in groups!

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Koala Conservation



Four sets of horizontal dashed lines for writing practice, each set consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.