

READ ABOUT AUSTRALIA:

Amazing Animals of Australia

Sentence halves activity



1. A baby kangaroo is



called a joey.

This is a post-reading activity for learners who are still gaining confidence around sentence structure. It's a fun way to review the names and features of our Australian animals, plus it gets learners working in new pairs.

Laminate and cut up the sentence halves and the three picture pages (but don't cut up the answer pages). Use as many as you need (eg 16 learners = first 8 animals).

Give the learners a 'sentence beginning' or a 'sentence end'. They have to move around and find their 'match'. Together they select the correct picture for their sentence, then present their sentence and animal to the group. (They can check against the book or against the answer pages.)

EXTRA CHALLENGE

Ask each pair to give one more piece of information about their animal. They can also make new cards using the blank cut-ups.

1. A baby kangaroo is

2. Koalas eat gum leaves,

3. Wombats dig burrows

4. The Tasmanian Tiger

5. Tasmanian Devils are

6. Possums can get into

7. A platypus has webbed



called a joey.

but don't drink much.

with their sharp claws.

became extinct in 1936.

shy and avoid humans.

your roof space.

feet like a duck.



8. You can see an echidna

9. The bilby gets water

10. The quokka looks as

11. Each day, a numbat eats

12. The quoll has a very

13. Bandicoots sometimes

14. Tree kangaroos really



on our 5 cent coin.

from its food.

if it is smiling.

thousands of termites.

strong bite.

live in people's gardens.

live in trees.



15. A fruit bat's wings are

16. Dingoes are beautiful,

17. The brush-tailed rock

18. The fairy possum

19. Camels worked in the

20. Foxes are pests and



up to a metre across.

but can be dangerous.

wallaby is quite small.

has several names.

hot dry outback.

kill native wildlife.





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Matching activity cut-up

picture set 1 to 7





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Matching activity cut-up

picture set 8 to 14





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Matching activity cut-up

picture set 15 to 20



A kangaroo baby is called a joey.



Koalas eat gum leaves, but don't drink much.



Wombats dig burrows with their sharp claws.



The Tasmanian Tiger became extinct in 1936.

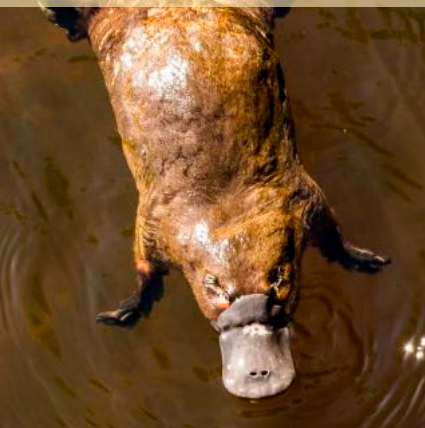


Tasmanian Devils are shy and avoid humans.



Possums can get into your roof space.

A platypus has webbed feet like a duck.



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picture set 1 to 7

You can see an echidna on our five cent coin.



The bilby gets water from its food.



The quokka looks as if it is smiling



Each day, a numbat eats thousands of termites.



The quoll has a very strong bite.



Bandicoots sometimes live in people's gardens



Tree kangaroos really live in trees.

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picture set 8 to 14

A fruit bat's wings are up to a metre across.



Dingoes are beautiful, but can be dangerous.



The brush-tailed rock wallaby is quite small.



The fairy possum has several names.



Camels worked in the hot, dry outback.



Foxes are pests and kill native wildlife.



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picture set 15 to 20

Handwriting practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. The page contains five sets of these lines for practice.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are five sets of these lines across the page.



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