



CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES!

DID YOU KNOW?

THAT KOALAS (GORILLAS AND
CHIMPANZEES TOO) HAVE UNIQUE
FINGERPRINTS JUST LIKE US!





DID YOU KNOW?



Koalas are native to Australia. Sometimes koalas are called bears but this is not right, they are actually marsupials.



A marsupial is an animal with a pouch. Baby koalas are called joeys. Joeys sleep in their mother's pouch until they are big enough to ride on her back.



Koalas are nocturnal and are usually awake more during the night.



A place where an animal lives is called a habitat. A koala's habitat is a eucalypt forest where they eat eucalyptus leaves. Sometimes people call these leaves gum leaves.



Koalas are herbivores so they only eat plants. They can eat up to one kilogram of leaves every day.



Koalas like to sleep and can sleep for 18 to 20 hours a day.



BALLINA FRANKLIN
LIKES TO SLEEP
DURING THE DAY!



JOEYS STAY CLOSE TO
THEIR MOTHER UNTIL
THEY ARE BIG ENOUGH TO
SURVIVE ON THEIR OWN.

W₄ O₁ R₁ D₂

P₃ U₁ Z₁₀ Z₁₀ L₁ E₁



Can you find all the words?



A₁ C₃ R₁ O₁ S₁ S₁

D₂ O₁ W₄ N₁

3. A COLLECTION OF TREES.

4. THE COUNTRY WHERE KOALAS LIVE.

6. GUM LEAVES ARE ALSO CALLED _____ LEAVES.

8. VERY YOUNG KOALAS SLEEP HERE.

10. AN ANIMAL ACTIVE AT NIGHT.

1. KOALAS ARE WRONGLY CALLED THESE.

2. AN ANIMAL WITH A POUCH.

5. AN ANIMAL THAT ONLY EATS PLANTS.

7. A BABY KOALA IS KNOWN AS A _____.

9. A PLACE WHERE AN ANIMAL LIVES.

ANSWERS: MARSUPIAL, POUCH, BEARS, HERBIVORE, AUSTRALIA, NOCTURNAL, HABITAT, FOREST, JOEY, EUCALYPTUS



DID YOU KNOW?

Wild koalas are found from west of Cairns in Far North Queensland right down into South Australia, with the vast majority of the populations on the coastal side of the mountain ranges right down into Victoria.

Koalas rely almost totally on the moisture they obtain from the eucalypt leaf they eat, most populations are thus found occupying better quality eucalypt forests close to water courses and more fertile soils.

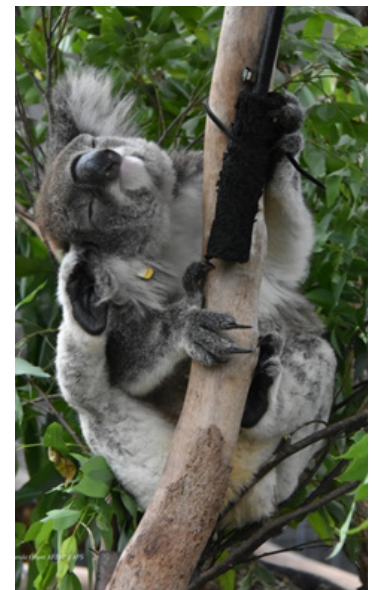
Where koalas are able to live in undisturbed forests, free of human interference, the colonies tend to be much healthier and do not suffer the diseases and problems that koalas face which live at the human/bush interface such as urban and rural areas.



BARRINGTON XAVIER
IS BLIND DUE
TO CHLAMYDIA.

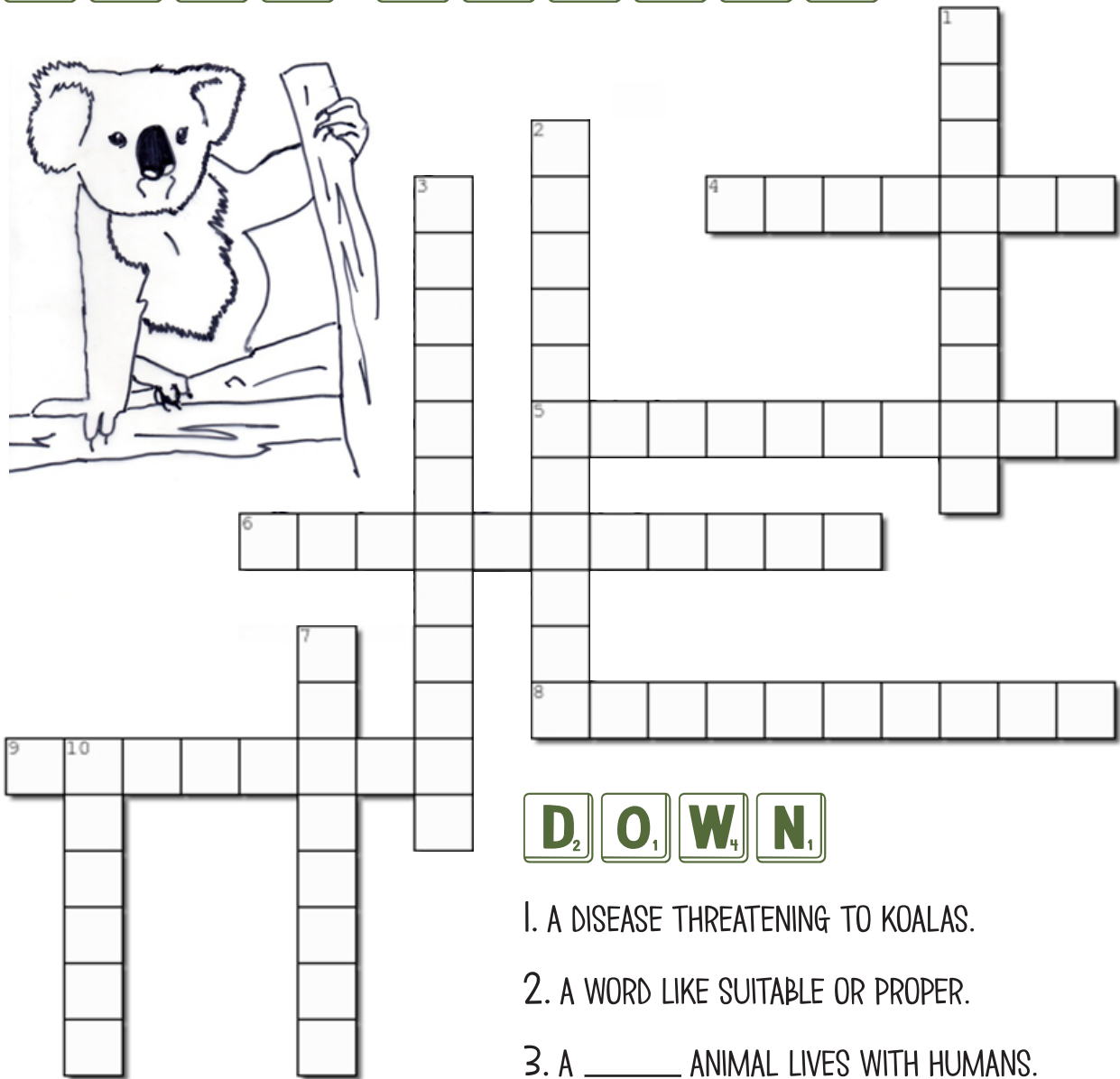
THREATS TO KOALAS

- **Habitat Loss** is the number one threat to our koala population. Clearing of eucalypt forests to harvest timber, make way for housing, roads or other developments is a major threat to koala populations.
- **Chlamydia** is another major threat to koalas. The bacterial disease can affect the eyes and/or the internal organs of the koala. This disease is treated with antibiotics but a koala is never completely cured.
- **Motor Vehicle** accidents are a huge problem. Animals that are hit by a car can suffer terrible injuries and many do not survive. Unless rescued and provided with appropriate care a koala will most likely die.
- **Dog Attacks** are a major threat to koalas. Koalas will often wander into the territory of a domestic dog in search of food. Dogs will attack to protect their territory. A koala is no match for a dog, and they are frequently left with life threatening injuries. Although the injuries may not be visible externally, they are often very serious internal injuries that can be beyond treatment.



OCEAN SUMMER
SURVIVED A MOTOR
VEHICLE ACCIDENT
BUT SADLY HER
MOTHER DID NOT.

W O R D P U Z Z L E



D O W N

1. A DISEASE THREATENING TO KOALAS.
2. A WORD LIKE SUITABLE OR PROPER.
3. A _____ ANIMAL LIVES WITH HUMANS.
7. KOALAS OBTAIN _____ FROM EUCALYPTUS LEAVES.
10. A WORD MEANING PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

A C R O S S

4. AN ILLNESS OR SICKNESS.
5. A GROUP OF ANIMALS LIVING IN THE SAME AREA.
6. _____ ARE USED TO TREAT CHLAMYDIA.
8. THE TYPE OF TREE FROM WHICH A KOALA OBTAINS FOOD.
9. ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT DOMESTICATED.

Good luck!



ANSWERS: MOISTURE, DISEASE, INJURY, APPROPRIATE, CHLAMYDIA, DOMESTICATED, WILDLIFE, ANTIBIOTICS, POPULATION, EUCALYPTUS