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# Koalas

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# Why?

Why do you  
think  
penguins  
have wings?

Penguins live in the ocean. These birds cannot fly. But they flap their wings to swim. They dive underwater and swim fast to catch fish to eat.



ROYAL PENGUIN

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## SORTING

# What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.  
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one  
difference.

Find two  
differences.

Find three  
differences.

# That's Cool!

Meet the eastern chipmunk.

Eastern chipmunks dig underground homes called burrows.

These chipmunks are a little longer than a pencil.

They have cheek pouches to carry food to their burrows.





## NAMING

# What in the World Are These?



\_ISH



\_OCKS



\_ROG



\_RESENT



\_EBRA



\_WEATER



\_ATERPILLAR



\_ATERMELON



\_EMUR

NAME SOME OTHER THINGS WITH STRIPES.

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# CLIMBING WITH KOALAS

A baby koala rides on its mother's back when it is old enough to hold on tight. When it was younger, it lived in her pouch. Koalas have pouches like kangaroos do.





Koalas  
live in  
Australia.

A koala baby, called a joey, stays with its mother for about a year.

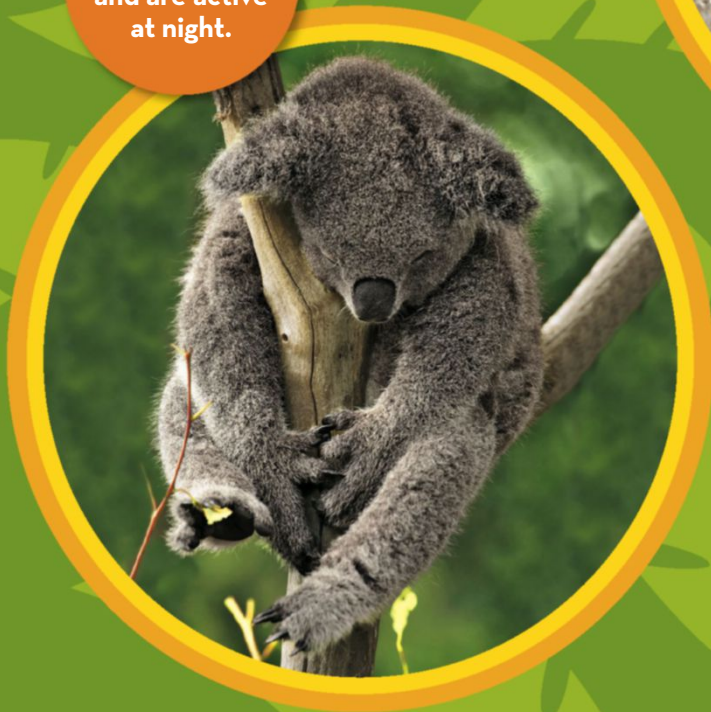


Koalas live in trees and eat leaves. Sharp claws on all four paws help them climb.



Koalas come down to the ground to move from one tree to another.

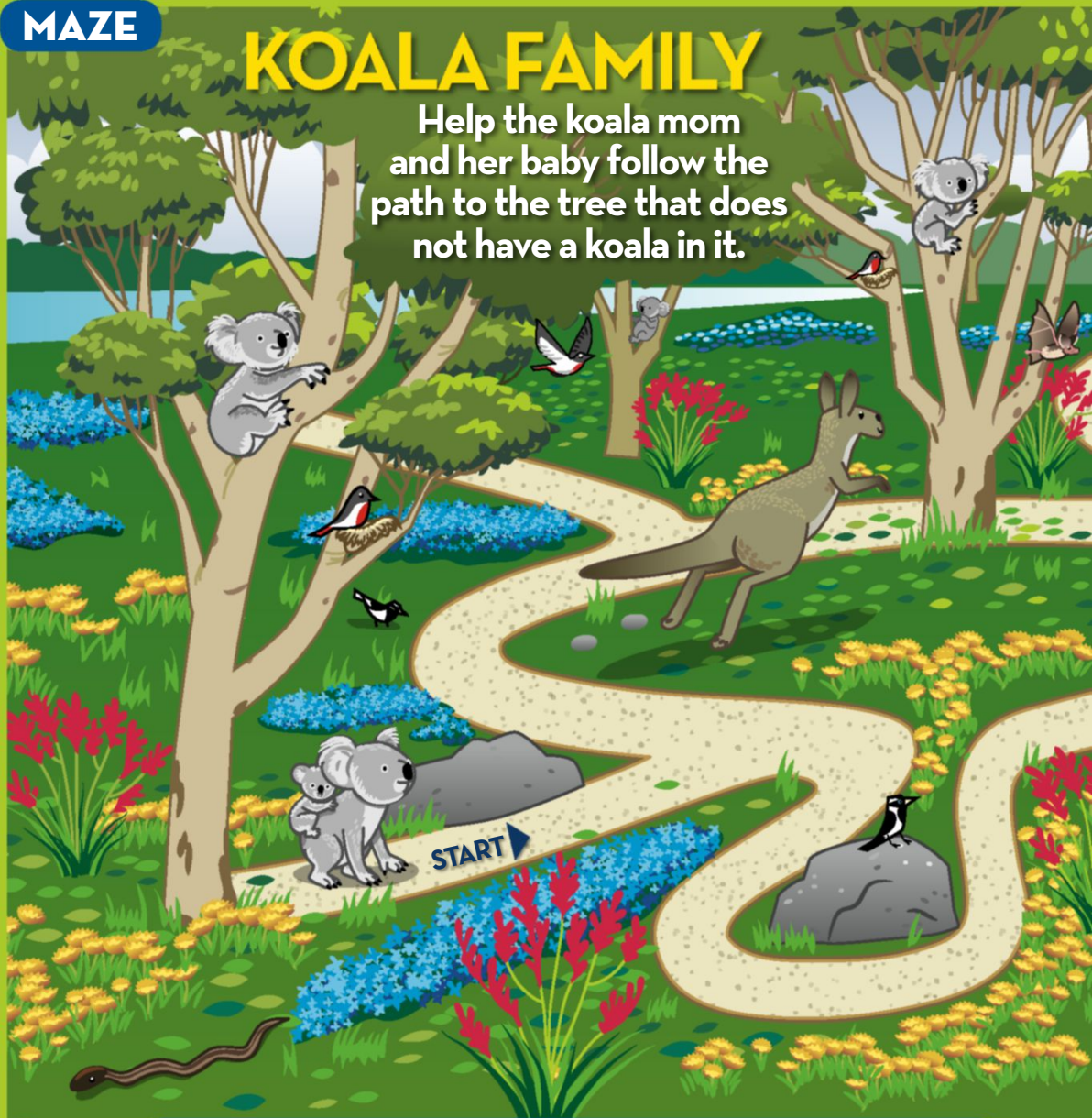
Koalas sleep during the day and are active at night.



Koalas sleep a lot. They are asleep more than they are awake. Good night, koala!

# KOALA FAMILY

Help the koala mom and her baby follow the path to the tree that does not have a koala in it.











ANIMALS

# HAPPY HIPPOS

Hippopotamuses  
have a nickname:  
hippo.

A baby hippo stays close to its mother. Sometimes it gets a ride on her back. They spend a lot of time in water.



Hippos move easily in water. They can even walk along the bottom of a river.



A hippo can hold its breath for five minutes.



Hippos do not let their skin get too dry. If water is not nearby, hippos roll in mud to keep their skin wet.



Hippos eat grass. They usually leave the water to eat late in the day. That is when the sunshine is not too hot.



A hippopotamus is very big. One hippo can weigh as much as 150 5-year-old kids.



Animals that live both in water and on land are called semiaquatic animals.



DUCK-BILLED PLATYPUS

## Other Semiaquatic Animals

Like hippos, these animals spend a lot of time in water and some time on land.



AMERICAN BEAVER



CAPYBARA

# Look!

Look at the pictures below. Find the same objects in the photo at right. Circle them with your finger.



For more fun, find all the **bugs**.  
Then find all the **candy corn**.  
Which objects are **black**?





# A SEA TURTLE HAT



1

A baby sea turtle breaks out of its eggshell. The turtle is in a nest its mother dug in the sand by the ocean.



2

The baby sea turtle, called a hatchling, digs its way out of the nest. It uses its flippers to move.



# CHES



GREEN SEA TURTLE



3

Many turtles hatch at the same time. They crawl as fast as they can across the beach and into the water. The ocean is their home.

# PALEONTOLOGY

*Tyrannosaurus* could gulp down some small dinosaurs without even chewing.

*Tyrannosaurus's* teeth were the size of bananas.

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# D. GIANT Dinosaur

## FACTS

### FOOD

Meat

### SIZE

This shows how big  
*Tyrannosaurus* was.



**TYRANNOSAURUS**

**5-YEAR-OLD**

*Tyrannosaurus* is one of the most famous dinosaurs. It was a fierce hunter with long, sharp teeth.

Can you think  
of another  
animal that is a  
fierce hunter?

The jaws of the *Tyrannosaurus* were very strong. The dinosaur could use its jaws to crush animals it caught for food.

**SAY MY NAME: tye-RAN-oh-SORE-us**

## COUNTING

# COUNTING CUBS

How many lion cubs do you see?  
How many leopard cubs are there?  
Count the tiger cubs.



leopard



lion



tiger



leopard



tiger

How many cubs do you count altogether?





lion



leopard



tiger



tiger



tiger

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# WILD CARDS



**EURASIAN BADGER**



# Eurasian badger

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Badgers have long claws for digging. They live underground where they dig tunnels and make nests lined with grass and leaves.**

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# WILD CARDS



**AFRICAN WILD DOG**



# African wild dog

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Each wild dog's fur has a different pattern of colors. Wild dogs live in packs, or groups. A mother can have up to 20 pups at a time.**

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# WILD CARDS



YELLOW-COLLARED LOVEBIRDS



# **yellow- collared lovebirds**

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Pairs of male and female love-birds stay together for life. They both take care of their chicks. These birds live in parts of Africa.**

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# WILD CARDS



SQUIRREL MONKEY



# squirrel monkey

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Squirrel monkeys climb well.  
They live in rain forest trees.  
These monkeys mostly eat fruit,  
as well as some insects, seeds,  
and leaves.**

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# WILD CARDS



**SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD SHARK**



# scalloped hammerhead shark

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## **FUN FACTS**

**This kind of shark lives in warm ocean waters. Its eyes are on the ends of its wide, narrow head. It hunts for food at night.**

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# WILD CARDS



LARGE FLYING FOX



# large flying fox

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## **FUN FACTS**

**The large flying fox is a kind of bat. These bats eat flowers and fruit. They rest in trees, hanging upside down.**

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OBSERVATION

# Critter Corner

What will this hummingbird find in the flower?



A. a jump rope   B. an elephant   C. sweet nectar to eat

Answer: C

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