

# Nature Explorers

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt: Tick the things that you find.



A curved leaf



A flying bird



A track or footprint



Some water



A spiderweb



Something smooth



A bug or insect



A Y shaped stick



A feather



A birds nest



Some bark



A seed or seed pod



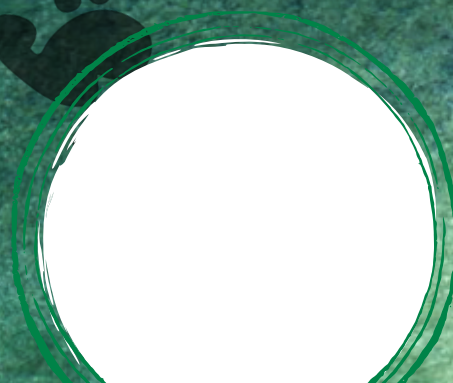
A flower



A eucalypt tree

Did you know koalas leave behind clues for us to find?

Draw and write the name of three clues you could find from koalas.



Turn over for more koala activities!

Please supervise your children during these activities.

# SENTENCE SOLVERS

Use the words below to complete the sentences.

BOROBI	JOEYS	WATER	SLEEP
HEARING	POUCH	VISION	EUCALPYT

1. Koalas can \_\_\_\_\_ for up to 20 hours a day! Koalas need lots of \_\_\_\_\_ due to their low energy diet.
2. Koalas can eat up to 500g of \_\_\_\_\_ leaves each day (approximately the size of a small lettuce).
3. The leaves can contain up to 50% \_\_\_\_\_. This removes the need for koalas to climb down a tree for a drink, except during very hot or dry periods.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the name for koala in the Yugambah traditional language and was the mascot for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
5. Koalas have poor \_\_\_\_\_ but have excellent \_\_\_\_\_ which helps them detect predators and other koalas.
6. Baby koalas, called \_\_\_\_\_, stay in their mother's \_\_\_\_\_ for six months after being born. The \_\_\_\_\_ will then spend between 6-12 months riding on its mother's back.

## FUN FACTS

- Although you may have heard people call them koala 'bears', these animals aren't bears at all—they are in fact marsupials. A group of mammals, most marsupials have pouches where their newborns develop.
- Koalas have five digits on each front paw, two of which are opposed to the others, much like our thumbs are able to be moved differently from the fingers. This helps them to hold firmly onto the branches and to grip their food. The 2nd and 3rd digits on their hind paws are fused together to form a grooming claw.
- Koalas also communicate with each other by making a range of noises. The most startling and unexpected of these in such a seemingly gentle animal is a sound like a loud snore and then a belch, known as a 'bellow'.



### Answers

1. SLEEP 2. EUCALPYT 3. WATER 4. BOROBI 5. VISION 6. HEARING / HEARING / POUCH / JOEYS