

## AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

### KANGAROO

Kangaroos are *marsupials*. They carry their babies in a special pouch on their stomach. They have fur. They use their strong back legs to hop around. They can hop up to 9 metres when moving quickly and can travel up to 50km an hour. They use the paws and claws on their short front legs for eating. They have a long tail. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. It lives in its mother's pouch for around eight months. For the last two months it hops in and out. When they are born they are only a few centimetres long. The baby moves to the pouch, where it grows and feeds. It can stay there for many months.

Commentato [MC1]: Tasca, marsupio



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## KOALA

Koalas are beautiful, **furry** animals. They live in trees and spend their days climbing, eating and sleeping. The koala is an animal that lives mainly in eucalypt trees. It eats the leaves of the eucalypt, eating about 1 kilogram of leaves every day. The koala usually likes to stay on its own tree in a particular area of the forest.

The koala is a marsupial. The mother carries the young koala in her pouch. As the baby gets older, it uses its **paws** and **claws** to stay on the mothers back while she climbs around. Koalas can run quite quickly when they need to. They are also good swimmers. They live for about 20 years.

The name "koala" comes from an aboriginal word, which means "drinks no water". The koala gets all its **moisture** from the leaves it eats. It does not drink water.

Koalas have two **thumbs** on each paw. They have three other claws on each paw which are used for climbing trees and defending themselves. Koalas usually sleep during the day in the fork of a tree.



KOALA

Commentato [MC2]: peloso

Commentato [MC3]: zampe

Commentato [MC4]: artigli

Commentato [MC5]: liquidi

Commentato [MC6]: pollici

## TASMANIAN DEVIL

The Tasmanian Devil is a marsupial mammal. Nowadays, this animal lives only on the island of Tasmania. The name of the Tasmanian devil is derived from its verses that recall demonic screams. Moreover, this animal is black, is extremely short-tempered and quarrelsome and feeds on carrion, all characteristics usually associated to evil entities.

The Tasmanian devil is the largest surviving species of carnivorous marsupials. It's quite small but it has got a strong head and a wide neck: this animal has the strongest bite of all living mammals in relation to body size. This allows him to feed on carrion, chopping without difficulty bones and even teeth.

Commentato [MC7]: richiama

Commentato [MC8]: in più, inoltre

Commentato [MC9]: litigioso

Commentato [MC10]: carcasse

Commentato [MC11]: masticando



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