

Boredom Busters Bitez

ANIMALS DOWN UNDER

Today's theme is all about the animals of Australia! Australia is the sixth largest country. It is almost as big as the United States! A lot of people think Australia is only made up of sandy, hot deserts. But, Australia is also made up of forests, grasslands, rivers, and woods. All of these habitats are homes to lots of different and unique animals. Some of these animals include koalas, wombats, kookaburras, and Tasmanian devils! The animals of Australia are important because they show how beautiful diversity is.

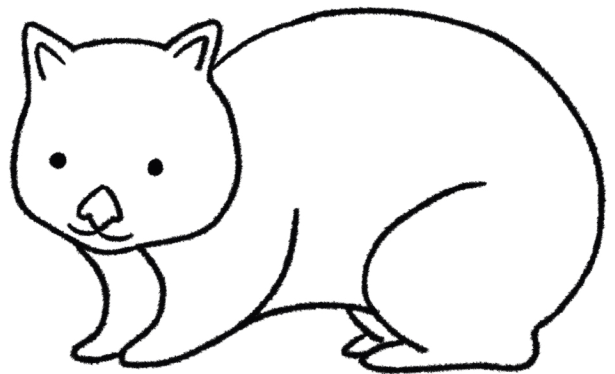
Today's fun includes a marsupial coloring page, a marsupial maze, and two quizzes to test your animals of the outback knowledge!

Marvelous Marsupials!

Australia is home to the most marsupials on the planet. Marsupials are animals that give birth to babies. Those babies grow up in their mom's pouches. The babies live in these pouches until they are big enough to walk on their own. Color in the marsupials below!



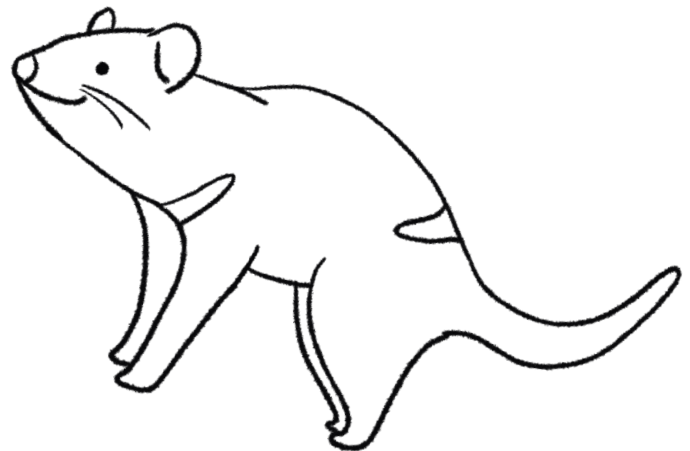
Kangaroo



Wombat



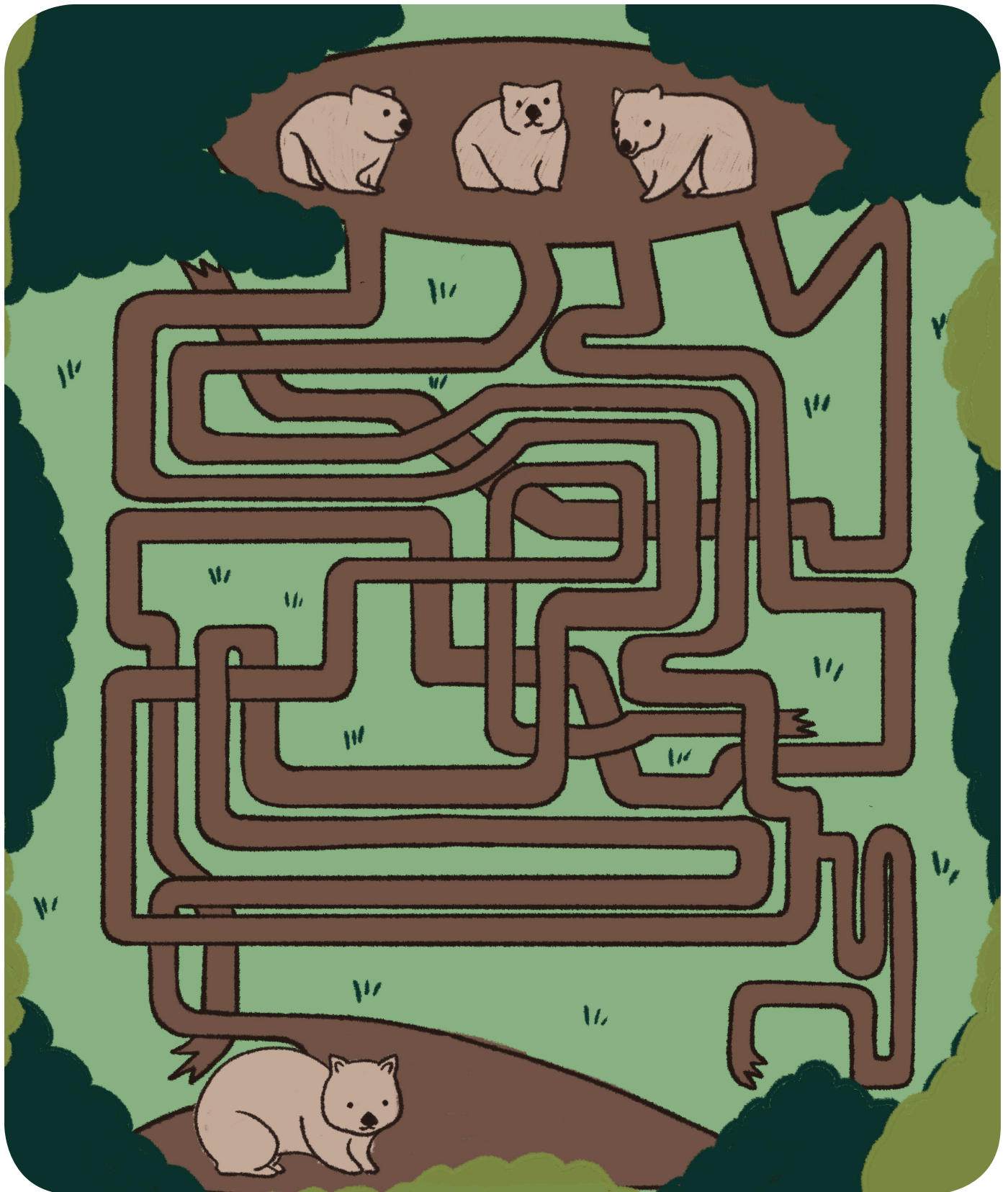
Koala



Tasmanian Devil

Marsupial Maze!

Wombats love to bury. Wombats have squat faces and chunky paws that help them dig in the dirt. Help the wombat babies out of the burrow to find their mom!



Outback Oddities

Australia is home to a lot of unique animals. Look at the descriptions and match them with the pictures below.



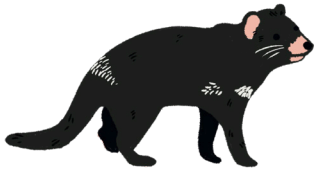
Similar to a hedgehog, this animal rolls into a ball when it's scared.



This giant bird cannot fly, but it can run very fast.



All this animal does is sleep and eat leaves.



The babies are called Joeys. This animal looks cute but it packs a powerful kick.



Small mammal that uses its skin to glide around.



This mammal is similar to a bird. It has a beak and lays eggs.



This animal gets its name for being mean.



The lizard that looks like a dinosaur. It's neck puffs out when it gets mad.

What Is It?

Australia has lots of unique animals that don't always look as they seem. Australia is home to mammals that lay eggs, birds that can't fly, and lizards that look prehistoric. Test your knowledge and label each animal as a mammal, reptile, or bird. Write down your answer why.

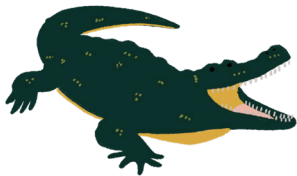
Koala



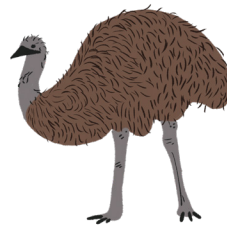
Kookaburra



Crocodile



Emu



Platypus



Sugar Glider



Wallaby

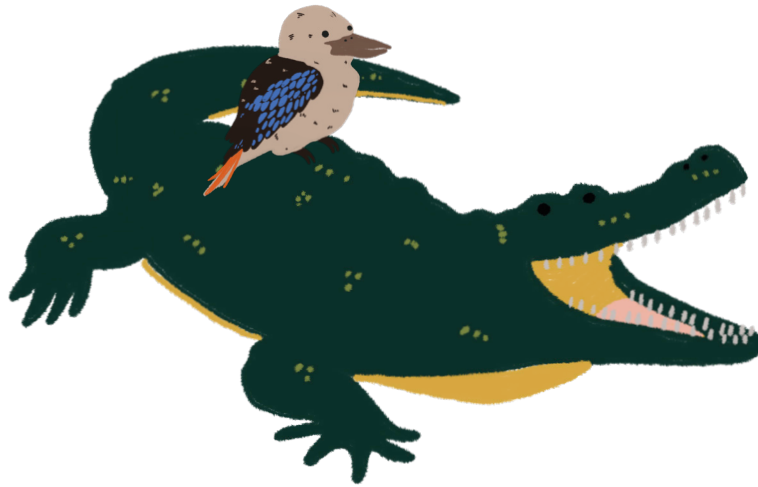


Dingo



What Is It? Answers

Koala: Mammal; Kookaburra: Bird; Crocodile: Reptile; Emu: Bird; Platypus: Mammal; Sugar Glider: Mammal; Wallaby: Mammal; Dingo: Mammal



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