

Animals of Australia

The Koala

Koalas are not bears. They are marsupials. That means they have a pouch for their babies. A baby koala is called a 'joey'. The joey stays in the pouch for 6 months. Then it leaves the pouch and stays with the mother for another six months. it rides on its mother's back

Koalas live in *eucalypt trees*. These are a type of *gum tree*. The koalas eat eucalypt leaves and almost nothing else.

God gave the koala sharp claws, and two thumbs on their front paws, to help them climb trees.

Koalas are grey and have large noses that are coloured pink or black.

Koalas cannot be kept as pets.

Write numbers 1-5 in your book.

Answer each question with one word.

1. A tiny baby koala stays in its mother's
p _____.
2. The baby koala is called a j _____.
3. Koala's have sharp c _____ to help them
climb trees.
4. They have an extra t _____ to help them
climb trees.
5. Can you keep a koala as a pet?
6. Now draw a koala with the right colours.

