

Read the cards about the animals and answer the questions:

Where do koalas live? _____

Which animal is the most venomous/dangerous? _____

What are the characteristics of a platypus? _____

Which animal has no stomach and hibernates? _____

Name the tallest bird in Australia: _____

Where does the Tasmanian devil live? _____

Why is it named 'devil'? _____

What must sharks do or they will sink (=couler)? _____

Name the most dangerous bird on the planet: _____

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Amazing facts about the animals

- 88%** About **88%** of the animals are endemic to the country – they only live in Australia.
- 40 million** The estimated number of kangaroos living on the continent.
- 55** The number of kangaroo species.
- 800** The number of bird species.
- The Great Barrier Reef is the biggest coral reef in the world: it is **2,600 km** long.
- 755** The number of reptile species (= the highest number in the world).

Why so many lethal animals?

- ◆ There are a lot of dangerous animals in Australia because the soils are very old and infertile. So only the most resistant creatures survive, like cold-blooded predators (reptiles) and insects.
- ◆ There are very few mammals because they need a lot of resources to survive (for example, a mammal needs to eat regularly, whereas a crocodile or a python can survive on one good meal... a year!).

What are '**endemic**' animals? _____

How many kangaroos live in Australia? _____

How many kangaroo species are there in Australia? _____

How fast can kangaroos hop? _____

How many reptile species are there on the continent? _____

What animals are lethal (animals that can kill people) in Australia? Give examples:

How long can crocodiles or pythons survive with just one meal? _____