An Amazing Fact a Day

Fantastic Fingerprints

Koalas have fingerprints so similar to humans that they could be confused at a crime scene.

Take a look at your own fingerprints. Use ink or a paint to create a fingerprint and examine it closely.

There are three main types of fingerprint patterns:



whorl



arch



loop

My Left Hand

My Prints					
Print Type					

My Right Hand

My Prints					
Print Type					

I have _____ arches, _____ loops and _____ whorls.

Why do you think that fingerprints are important pieces of evidence for solving crimes?



You could also try to find out:

- how fingerprints are revealed at crime scenes;
- when the first crime was solved using fingerprint evidence;
- what records are kept for convicted criminals;
- all about koalas.