

# 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.

