AUSTRALIA'S ANIMALS

The best known of Australia's animals are probably the koala and the kangaroo. Read the text, then decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).



Koalas are marsupials, having dense greyish fur and feeding chiefly on the leaves and bark of eucalyptus trees. They eat around 4 hours a day and sleep about 20 hours. Their diet is only eucalyptus tree leaves. Koalas are very picky. They eat just 20 out of the 500 different types of eucalyptus leaves and they only go for the crispiest and freshest ones. This kind of diet gives them only little energy to move. This is the reason for their lazy lifestyle'. They do not drink any water and are awake only at night-time.



Isolation from other lands for about 55 million years made Australia a unique place for marsupials, like kangaroos There are about 50 species of kangaroo, some standing as tall as a man and others as small as a cat. The red kangaroo is the largest kangaroo. These animals are capable of hopping at great speed, sometimes exceeding 50 km/h. The baby kangaroo is called a joey and is 2cm long when it is born. The babies are hairless. The joey won't stop living in its mother's pouch until it is 10 months old. Rival male kangaroos sometimes wrestle with each other and fight for dominance.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. A male red kangaroo can run as fast as 50km/h._____

2. The baby kangaroo lives on the back of its mother. ._____

3. Koalas drink a lot of water. ._____

4. Joeys live in their mother's pouch for a month. ._____

5. Koalas sleep about 20 hours a day. ._____

6. Koalas eat only special types of eucalyptus tree leaves. ._____

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