My Koala Fact File

Read the koala fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a koala

Koala facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. marsupial ____	A. a mammal whose babies grow in a pouch on the mother's body
2. joey ____	B. a kind of tree, also called a gum tree, whose leaves koalas eat
3. eucalyptus ____	C. a baby koala or other baby marsupial
4. arboreal ____	D. a long pouch in the gut that helps break down tough plant food
5. cecum ____	E. living in trees

The most amazing thing I learned about koalas

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Answer Key

Koala Fact File

Koala facts

Scientific name:	Phascolarctos cinereus
Size:	About 2–3 ft (60–80 cm) long
Weight:	About 9–29 lb (4–13 kg)
Lifespan:	About 10–15 years in the wild
Diet:	Eucalyptus leaves
Habitat:	Eucalyptus forests and woodlands
Where:	Eastern and southeastern Australia
Status:	IUCN Vulnerable

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–A, 2–C, 3–B, 4–E, 5–D

Wow facts to share

- Koalas sleep or rest for up to about 20 hours a day.
- A newborn koala is about the size of a jelly bean.
- There are 600+ kinds of eucalypts, but koalas prefer about 30.