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Reception - TOPIC

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This week we are looking at different bears from around the world again. Can you remember where in the world a polar bear is from?



Today we are going to look at a country called Australia. Where is this on a map?

Australia is very different from England. It is much bigger, much hotter and has very different animals. It is in the South of the world. We are in the North.



# Koala

Koalas are found in the **wild** in Australia. Although they are called 'koala bears' they are not bears. They are actually **marsupials**, like wombats, possums and kangaroos. This means they have a pouch to carry their babies, just like a kangaroo.

A baby koala is called a **joey**.

Joeys live in their mother's pouch for about six months.



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Koalas like to eat eucalyptus leaves.

They have very sharp claws which they use to climb trees.



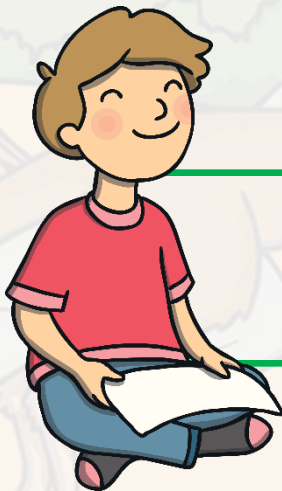
Koalas have large noses which are either pink or black.



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Koalas are good at climbing trees. They use the sharp claws on their front paws to hold on to the branches and to grip their food.

They are **herbivores** and their favourite tasty treats are eucalyptus leaves.



## Did You Know?

Koalas can sleep for up to 18 hours a day.



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