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AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

PART OF THE AUSTRALIA THEMED PROGRAMME



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Australia is home to some well-known and much loved animals. Find out more about these fascinating animals with some Australian Animal trivia.

Set up: cut out the animal signs template (kangaroo, koala, platypus & Tasmanian devil) and stick the picture of each animal in the corners of the meeting space.

Start by asking the group what they know about Australian animals. Can they name any? Examples might include a kangaroo, koala, emu, crocodile, snake, wombat, platypus, dingo and so on.

In this activity a leader will read out a fact about an Australian animal. Children should go and stand in one of the corners of the meeting space, with the animal they think the fact belongs to. Once everyone has had their guess, reveal the correct answer and award a point for anyone who guessed correctly. Share the additional facts after each question. The person with the most points at the end is the winner.

Virtual: Ask children to come with a red, green, blue and yellow object. Allocate a colour to each animal. Instead of moving to corners, children should hold up the colour of the animal they think is correct.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Australian Animals Trivia Questions
- Animal Signs (Template)
- Coloured Objects (virtual)



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Maintain social distancing as required.

AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

#	Question	Answer
1	There are over 45 million of these animals in the wild in Australia.	Kangaroo - That means there are twice as many kangaroos as people in Australia!
2	This animal sleep for around 20 hours a day.	Koala - They are nocturnal (meaning they sleep during the day). They are only awake for about 4 hours a day.
3	When feeding, this animal will eat everything - including the fir and bones of whatever it is eating.	Tasmanian Devil - These animals really are hungry! With eating habits like that, no wonder they have such a scary sounding name.
4	This animal can grow to be over 2 metres tall.	Kangaroo - That is very tall. Point out something in the room which is roughly the same height.
5	This animal has no teeth	Platypus - It has to scoop up gravel when eating and use that to help mush down its food.
6	This animal lays eggs, which later hatch, when giving birth.	Platypus - They are one of only two mammals to do this. Normally it is animals like birds which lay eggs.
7	This animal has the most powerful bite for an animal of its size.	Tasmanian Devil - It has a seriously strong bite and can easily snap through the bones of other animals.
8	This animal can move up to 9 metres in one go.	Kangaroo - A kangaroo can hop up to 9 metres. Measure that out on the floor to get an idea for how far that really is.
9	When born, this animal is roughly the size of a jelly bean.	Koala - They are tiny when they are born. They then spend the next 6-7 months living inside their mum's pouch whilst they grow.
10	This animal is highly poisonous.	Platypus - They have poison in their back feet. A platypus is poisonous enough to kill a dog and seriously harm a human.

