

ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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Animals

JAGUAR



1. The **jaguar** is the third largest big cat in the world, but the largest in Central and South America.
2. **Jaguars** have broader heads and stockier legs than leopards.
3. They're good swimmers and often ambush their prey in the water.
4. They claw trees and wee up them to mark their territory.
5. The name **jaguar** comes from an indigenous word meaning "he who kills with one leap."

WOW!

Jaguars have one of the most powerful bite forces in the animal world.

1. They have lived on Indonesia's Lesser Sunda Islands for millions of years.
2. **Komodo dragons** will eat anything: buffalos, pigs, deer, and even each other.
3. Their poisonous spit contains up to 50 strains of bacteria.
4. They sleep in big underground burrows.
5. **Komodo dragons** can eat up to 80% of their body weight – and vomit it up if they need to make a quick getaway!

KOMODO DRAGON



TRUE!

They use their tongues to pick up the scent of their prey.



KOALA

FACT!

Koala fingerprints look a lot like human ones.

1. **Koalas** eat only eucalyptus leaves, and get most of their water from them too.

2. They eat so many eucalyptus leaves, they smell like cough sweets!

3. A newborn koala is the size of a jellybean. It grows inside its mother's pouch for several months before it pops its heads out.

4. **Koala** fur is coarse rather than fluffy to help it stay dry in the rain.

5. They hug trees to stay cool, but also to mark their territory.

1. There are four **kangaroo** species: red, antilopine, eastern grey and western grey. The red kangaroo is the biggest.

2. The **kangaroo** is the only large mammal to move around by hopping. They can clear nine metres in a single hop.

3. They are herbivores and dine on grasses and shrubs.

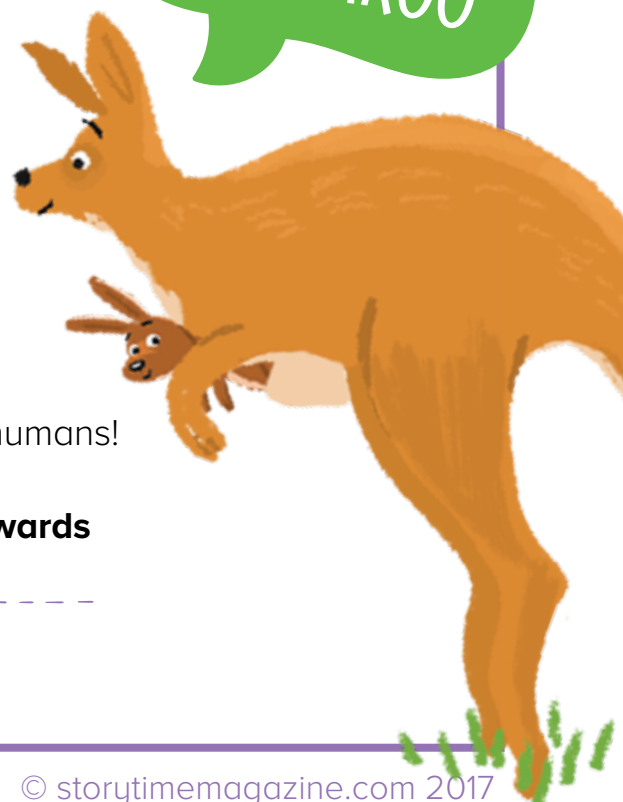
4. They live in big groups of over a hundred, known as mobs.

5. There are more **kangaroos** in Australia than humans!

FUNNY!

Kangaroos can't walk backwards – their tail gets in the way.

KANGAROO



HABITAT TRAIL

Looking at our Alphabet Zoo poem for help, can you work out which habitat the Jaguar lives in?

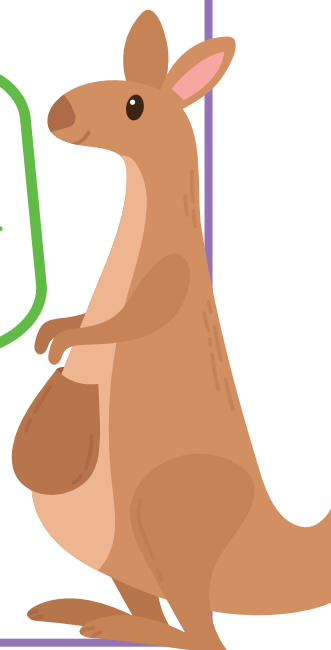


POUCH PUZZLE

An animal name has got scrambled up in the kangaroo's pouch while it was hopping around. Can you work out what it is?

GOOD MOAN DORK

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COLOUR THE KOALA!

Colour in this picture of a koala and make sure it has some eucalyptus leaves to eat.

JOKE!

What do you get if you
cross a kangaroo with
a sheep?
A woolly jumper!



SOMETHING
SMELLS SWEET AROUND
HERE - IT MUST BE ME!



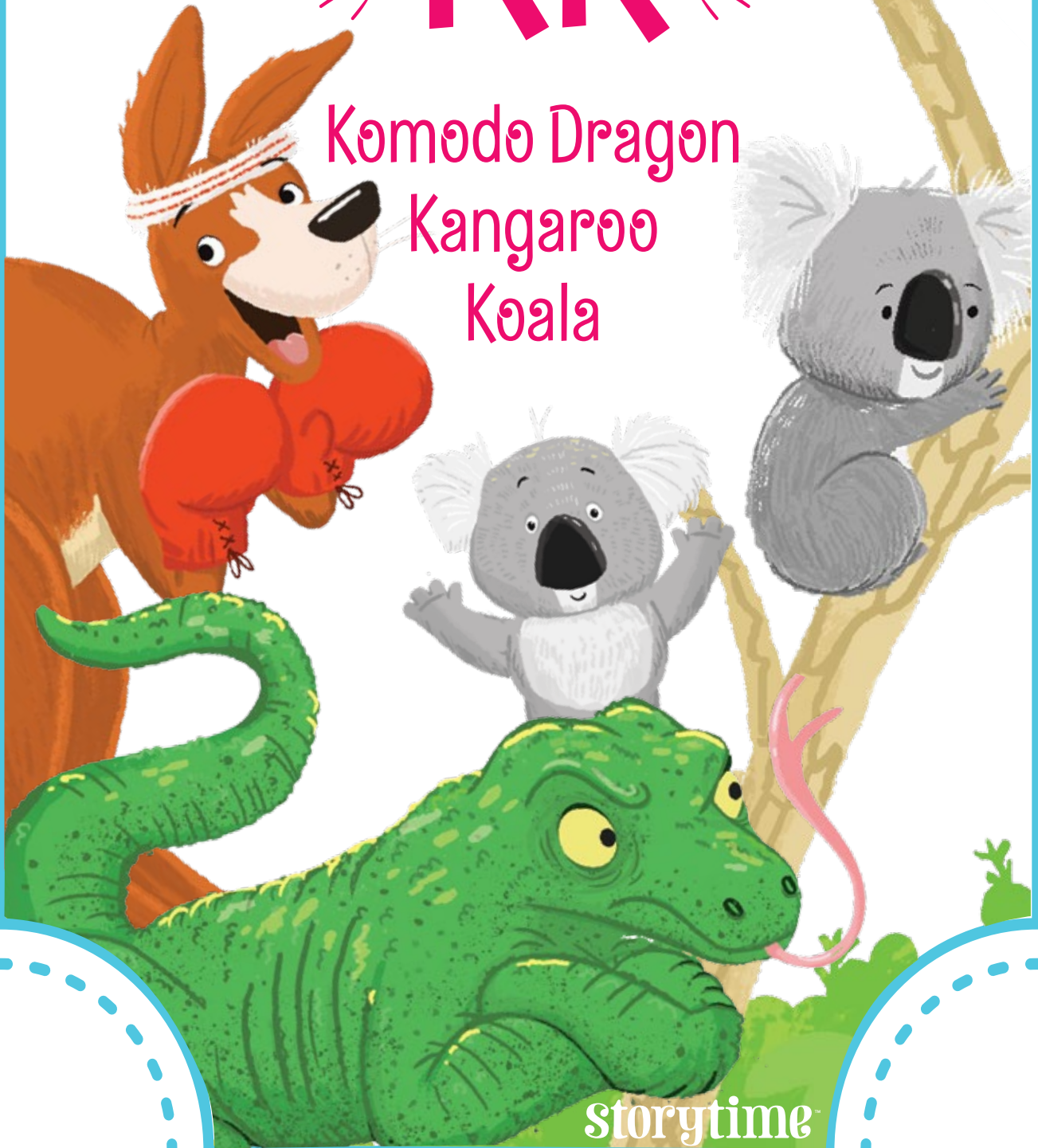
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