

1 A Living Teddy Bear

The gray and white koala lives in the tall eucalyptus tree where she eats the leaves for food and drink. She has a big rubbery nose and large round, fluffy ears that make her look like a teddy bear. She grips the tree trunk tightly with her sharp claws and climbs around picking leaves at night. On cold days, she sleeps in the branches, curled up in a ball with her soft thick fur helping to keep her warm. On hot days, she sleeps with her legs dangled over a branch in an effort to cool off.



Vocabulary to Visualize:

koala: a small furry animal from Australia

eucalyptus: a tall tree from Australia

dangled: hung down; swung freely

1 First Sentence: The gray and white koala lives in the tall eucalyptus tree where she eats the leaves for food and drink.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the koala? _____

2. the eucalyptus tree? _____

3. the leaves of the tree? _____

4. the koala eating? _____

2 Second Sentence: She has a big rubbery nose and large round, fluffy ears that make her look like a teddy bear.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. her nose? _____

2. her ears? _____

3. "fluffy" ears? _____

4. a teddy bear? _____

3 **Third Sentence:** She grips the tree trunk tightly with her sharp claws and climbs around picking leaves at night.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the tree trunk? _____

2. the koala's sharp claws? _____

3. her climbing around? _____

4. her picking leaves? _____

5 **Fifth Sentence:** On hot days, she sleeps with her legs dangled over a branch in an effort to cool off.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. hot days? _____

2. the koala's legs dangling? _____

3. her cooling off? _____

4 **Fourth Sentence:** On cold days, she sleeps in the branches, curled up in a ball with her soft thick fur helping to keep her warm.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the branches of the tree? _____





2. the koala sleeping? _____

3. her curled up? _____

4. her fur? _____

Picture Summary:

Number your images in order.

-  The koala grips the tree trunk tightly, climbing around to pick leaves to eat.
-  The koala has lots of thick fur that helps keep her warm on cold days.
-  The koala uses the leaves of the eucalyptus tree for food and drink.
-  The koala dangles her legs over a tree branch on hot days to cool off.

Critical Thinking

Write a Word Summary:

Main Idea:

Check the box that best describes all your images—the main idea.

- The gray and white koala looks like a teddy bear with her big fluffy ears and rubbery fur.
- The koala climbs around the eucalyptus tree with her very sharp claws gripping the tree trunk.
- The koala lives and sleeps in the eucalyptus tree, picking leaves at night, and sleeping in the branches during the day.

HOT Questions:

1. Why do you think it might be important for the koala to have sharp claws? _____

2. Why do you think it is important for the koala to grip the trunk of the tree tightly? _____

3. Why do you think it is important for the koala to have thick fur? _____

4. Why do you think the eucalyptus tree is a great place for the koala to live? _____

5. How might dangling her legs help keep her cool? _____

6. Do you think koalas ever come down out of the trees? Why or why not? _____

Write a Story

Make up a story about a koala bear in a tall eucalyptus tree during a great storm.

Did you use all of the Structure Words? Check each one you used.

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