

K" is for Kanga-Rooga

One day, **K**anga-Rooga was sitting under an old Gum Tree. Suddenly - 'splatt' - a sticky blob fell on her head.

"The sky is melting!" she cried. "The sky is melting!" So she went to tell the **K**ing. She went along and she went along until she met **K**oala-Walla.

"Where are you going," **K**oala-Walla asked **K**anga-Rooga."

"I'm going to tell the **K**ing that the sky is melting", said **K**anga-Rooga.

"Can I go with you," asked **K**oala-Walla.

"Sure", said **K**anga-Rooga.

So they went along and they went along until they met **K**ooka-Burra.

"Where are you going," **K**ooka-Burra asked **K**anga-Rooga and **K**oala-Walla.

"We're going to tell the **K**ing that the sky is melting", said **K**anga-Rooga and **K**oala-Walla.

"Can I go with you?" asked **K**ooka-Burra?

"Sure," said **K**anga-Rooga and **K**oala-Walla.

So they went along and they went along until they met **Q**uokka-Wokka.

“Where are you going?” Quokka-Wokka asked Kanga-Rooga, Koala-Walla, and Kooka-Burra.

“We’re going to tell the King that the sky is melting,” said Kanga-Rooga, Koala-Walla, and Kooka-Burra.

“Can I go with you?” asked Quokka-Wokka.

“Sure,” said Kanga-Rooga, Koala-Walla, and Kooka-Burra.

So they went along and they went along until they met a Great White Sharka-Larka.

“Where are you going?” Sharka-Larka asked Kanga-Rooga, Koala-Walla, Kooka-Burra, and Quokka-Wokka.

“We’re going to tell the King that the sky is melting,” said Kanga-Rooga, Koala-Walla, Kooka-Burra, and Quokka-Wokka.

“Follow me,” said Sharka-Larka, “I know a short-cut to the King’s castle.” So they went along and they went along until they came to a vast ocean.

Sharka-Larka opened his wide mouth. “Climb into my jaws and I will take you to the King”.

“What big teeth you have, Sharka-Larka!”, cried Kanga-Rooga,

Koala-Walla, Kook-a-Burra, and Quokka-Wokka. Then they turned and ran

back home as fast as they could. And nobody ever told the **King** that the **sky** was melting.

Did You Know?

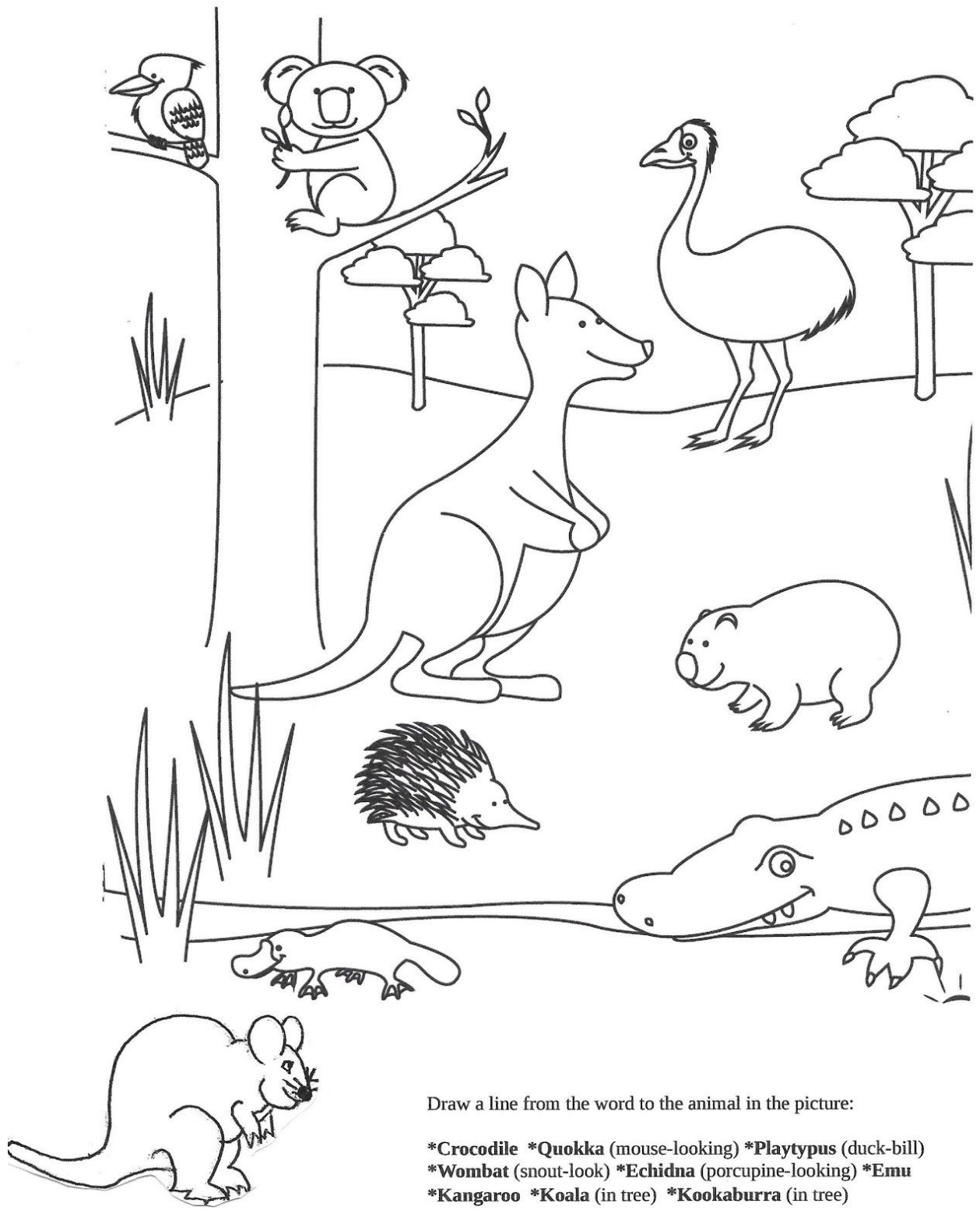
- Kangaroos and koalas are *Marsupials*
- Marsupial females raise their babies in a 'pouch' (pocket) on the front of their stomach.
- Kangaroos are called 'roos'
- Kangaroo males are called 'boomers', 'jacks', and 'old men'
- Kangaroo females are called 'flyers' and 'jills'
- A kangaroo baby is called a 'joey'
- A group of kangaroos is called a 'mob'
- Kang-ga-roo means "I don't know" in the native language
- Koala 'bears' are not really bears
- Koala bears eat only 'gum tree' (eucalyptus) leaves
- Kookaburras are birds in the 'Kingfisher' bird family
- The 'Laughing' kookaburra sounds like 'ha-ha-ha'
- Kookaburras are called 'the bushman's clock'; (they 'laugh' at dawn and dusk)
- Kangaroos, koala, kookaburras, and quokkas are found only around the Australian continent
- The longest Great White Shark (23 feet long) was caught off Kangaroo Island in South Australia.

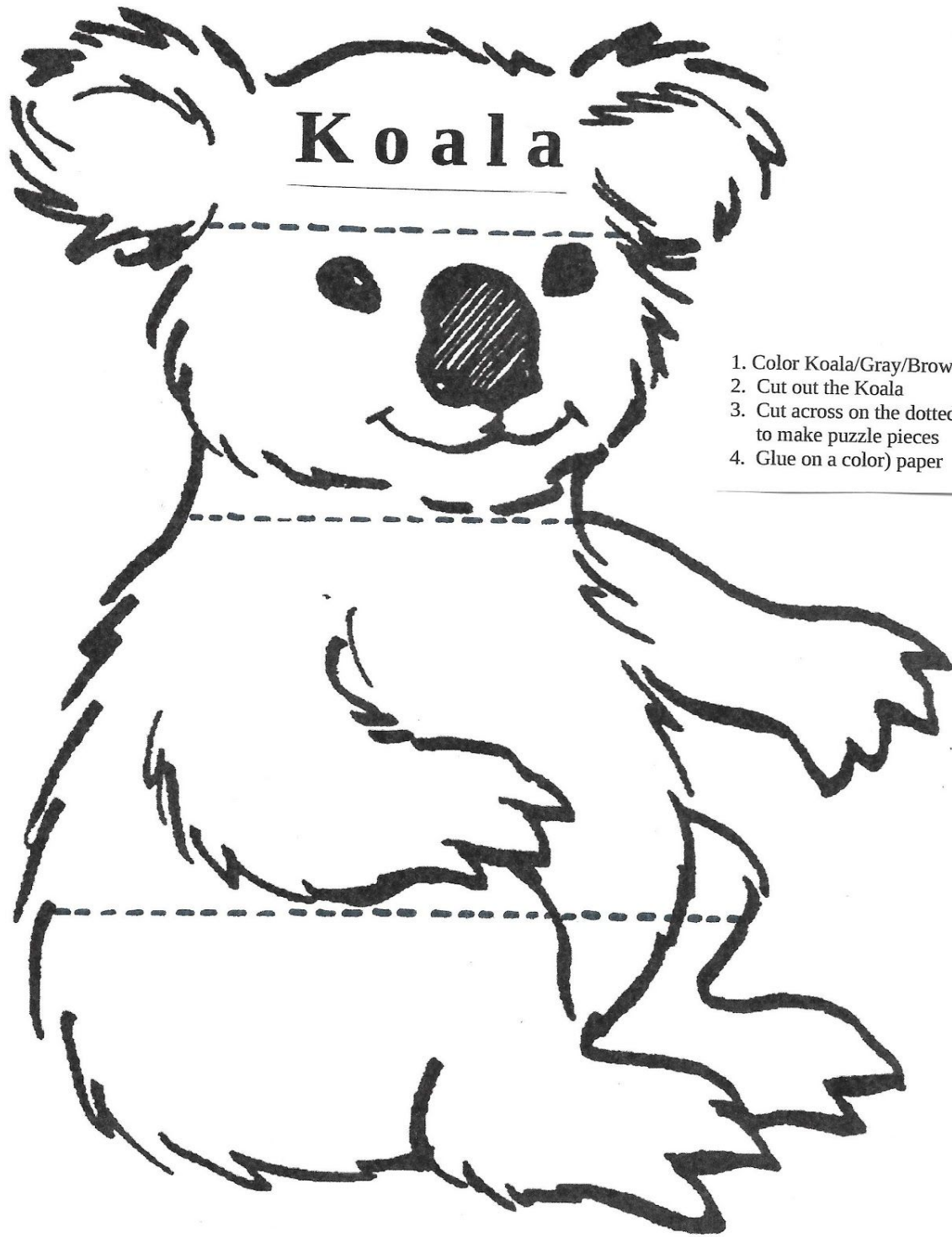
True False Quiz

Answers are in the Story and Did You Know

Circle the right answer.

1. T F Kanga-Rooga thought the sky was melting because a bird pooped on his head.
2. T F The first animal he met on his way to the king was Koala-Walla.
3. T F Among other animals, he met Cocka-Roacha.
4. T F The animal friends all followed Sharka-Larka into the ocean.
5. T F They all finally got to tell the King that the sky was melting.
6. T F Kangaroos and Koalas are Marsupials.
7. T F Marsupials carry their young in a pouch on their back.
8. T F A baby Kangaroo is called a 'joey'.
9. T F A 'group' of kangaroos is called a 'mob'.
10. T F Kangaroos are found in the wild in the United States.





Koala

1. Color Koala/Gray/Brown
2. Cut out the Koala
3. Cut across on the dotted line to make puzzle pieces
4. Glue on a color) paper