

# 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.

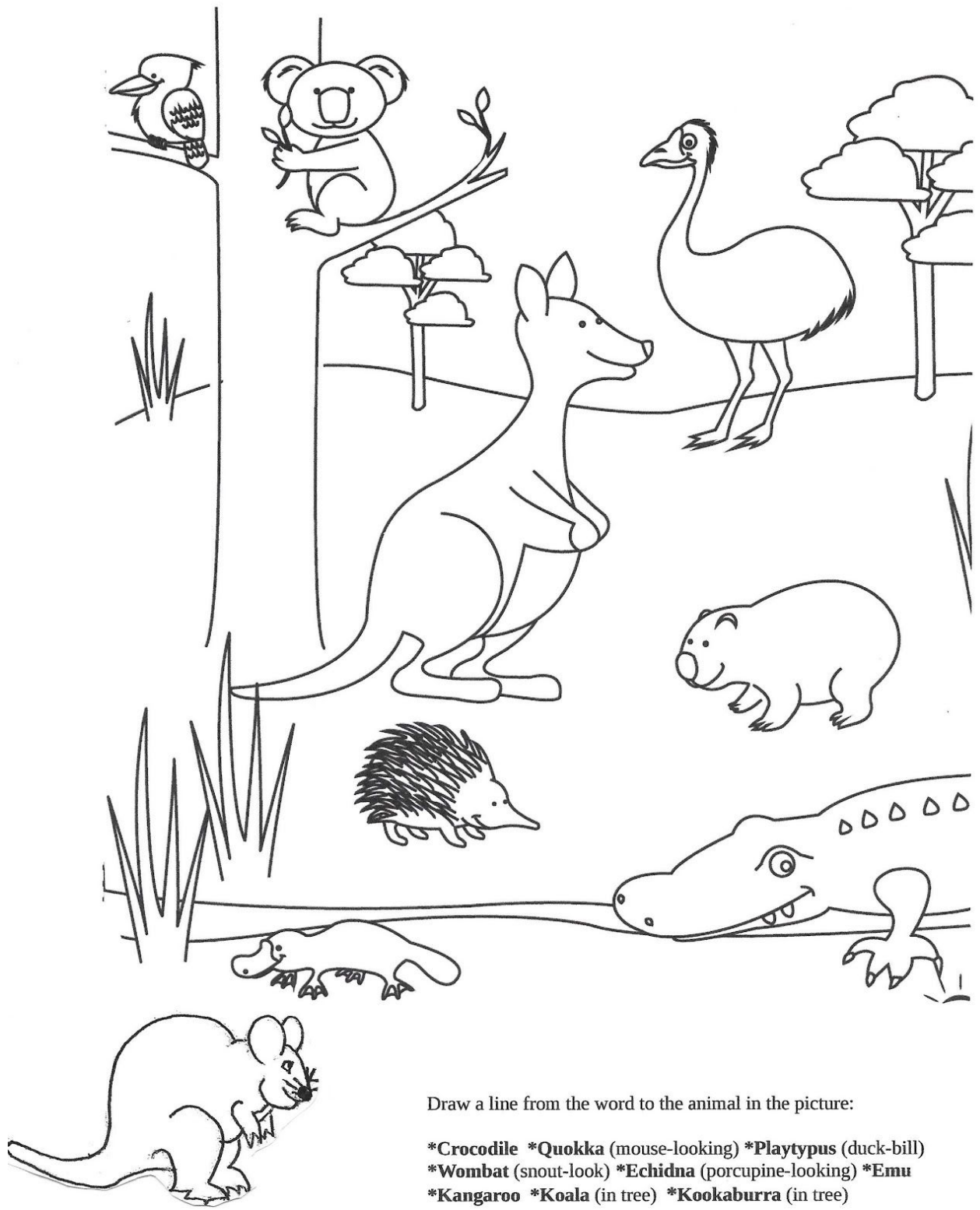
Sharka-Larka opened his wide mouth. “Climb into my jaws and I will take you to the King”.

“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.

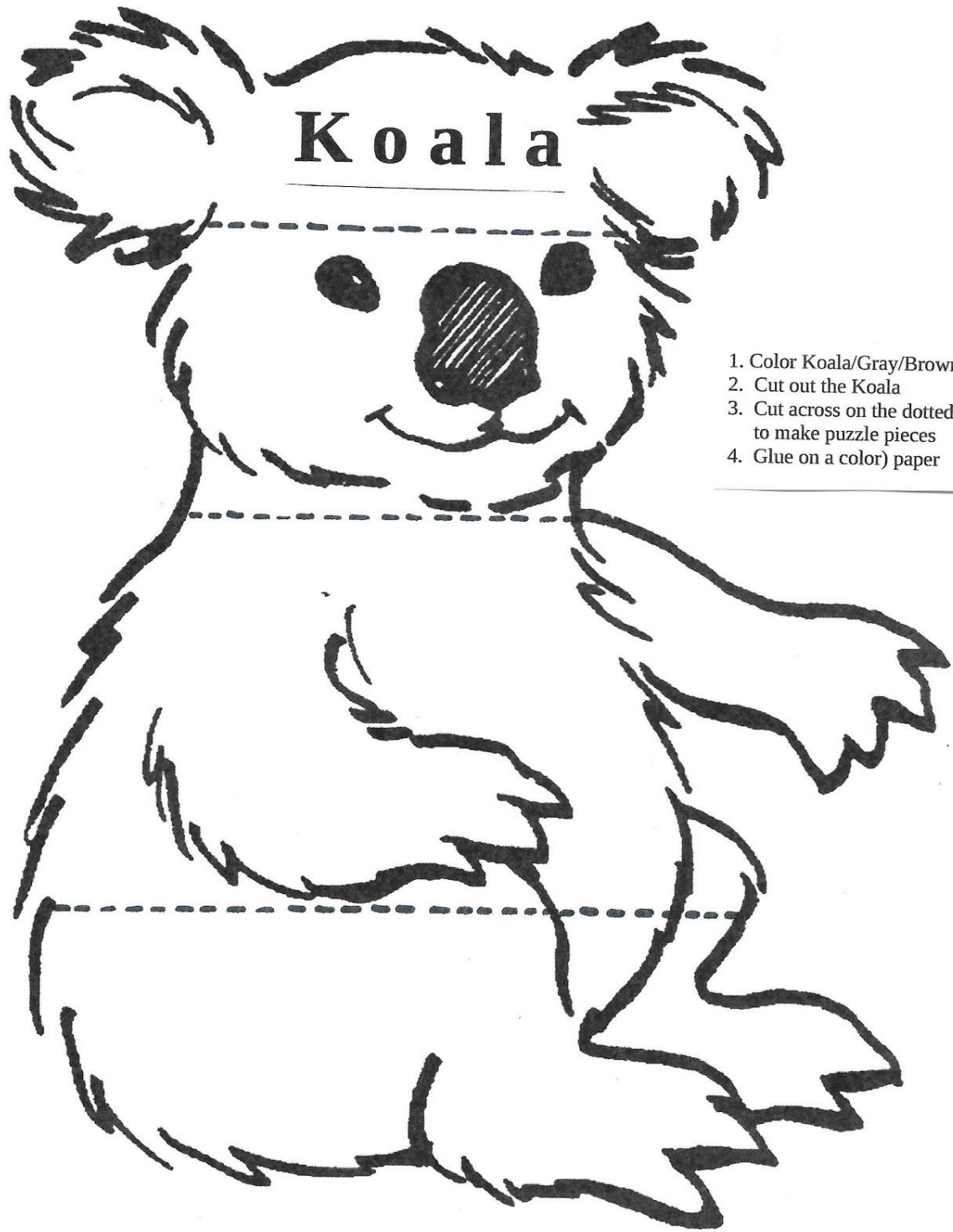
# Did You Know?

- 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.



Draw a line from the word to the animal in the picture:

- \*Crocodile
- \*Quokka (mouse-looking)
- \*Playtypus (duck-bill)
- \*Wombat (snout-look)
- \*Echidna (porcupine-looking)
- \*Emu
- \*Kangaroo
- \*Koala (in tree)
- \*Kookaburra (in tree)



**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
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