



AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

Fast facts quiz answers

Below are answers to each of the 15 'Fast facts quiz questions' on Alex's favourite 'Australian animals' facts provided on a separate sheet.

1. No native Australian animals have hooves.
2. Wallabies have been seen sitting, leaning against a rock or tree, and with their tail out in front of them when asleep.
3. Wombat poo consists of small cubes.
4. Male Western grey kangaroos are sometimes called 'stinkers' because they have a strong body odour.
5. The platypus looks so unusual that it was once thought to be a joke.
6. Tasmanian devils have large heads and necks that make up about 25 percent of their bodies.
7. Emus flap their small wings when running at top speed to help them balance and to quickly change direction.
8. Kangaroos and emus do not easily move backwards, so they appear as part of Australia's Coat of Arms to symbolise that Australia moves forwards and not backwards.
9. An echidna's tongue can be up to 15 centimetres long.
10. The wombat has been nicknamed the 'bush bulldozer'.
11. Koalas can eat up to 1.3 kilograms of eucalyptus leaves in a day.
12. Emus will eat small stones to help them digest their food.
13. Baby echidnas are called 'Puggles'.
14. Dingoes have flexible wrists that rotate to help them dig around trees for food.
15. Kangaroos are only about one centimetre long when born.