



AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS

Fast facts quiz questions

Below are 15 'Fast facts quiz questions' on Alex's favourite 'Australian animal' facts for students. Answers to the questions are provided on a separate sheet.

1. What is it that no native Australian animals have?
2. How have some of our wallabies been seen while they are asleep?
3. What does wombat poo look like?
4. Which kangaroos are sometimes referred to as 'stinkers' and why?
5. Which Australian animal was thought to be a joke?
6. What percentage of a Tasmanian devil's body is taken up by its head and neck?
7. For what purpose do emus use their small wings?
8. Kangaroos and emus do not easily move backwards, so why do these two animals appear as part of Australia's Coat of Arms?
9. How long can an echidna's tongue be?
10. Which Australian animal has been nicknamed the 'bush bulldozer'?
11. Koalas can eat up to how many kilograms of eucalyptus leaves in a day?
12. What do emus eat to help them digest their food?
13. What are baby echidnas called?
14. What feature do dingoes have that help them dig around trees for food?
15. What size is a kangaroo when it is born?

For discussion or research for students

- Some other facts about our unique platypus and where in Australia you are most likely to see one in the wild.
- Interesting facts about a few more of the less-known Australian animals like quokkas, tree kangaroos, quolls and lyrebirds and even the saltwater crocodile.
- Why does the big Western grey kangaroos have a body odour? Is there something that causes the smell?