



Australian Adventure Scavenger Hunt Answers: Grades 4-6

1. Koalas need trees because trees are their source of shelter and food. Koalas remain in trees most of the time and exclusively eat leaves. Without trees they would have no home and no food. Less trees means more koalas live in the same spaces, resulting in more competition for food.
2. Echidnas have spiky coats that serve as a defense mechanism. The spines deter predators.
3. Tree kangaroos spend most of their time in trees because their main source of food is vegetation. Living in trees is safer for these animals because they are away from ground predators. Tree kangaroos have small ears, so they would be less likely to hear an approaching predator on the ground than a kangaroo or wallaby.
4. Lorikeets are known to be extremely vocal parrots; they have a shrill screech that is more suited to the outdoors. Lorikeets are also very active birds; they require a lot of space to fly and play and will not be happy if they are caged for long periods of time. Lorikeets eat a liquid diet and as such tend to be very messy. Like most parrots, lorikeets are social and require the interaction of other lorikeets to remain happy.
5. Kangaroos use their large, thick tails as a “third leg” to rest on when standing. They also use their tail to balance when they hop.
6. Our kangaroos are most often seen lounging next to one another on the ground. However, they also engage in other social behavior such as boxing, which can be playful, a show of dominance, or a fight between males for access to a female.
7. Head past the homestead house and find the kookaburra. Take a good look at the kookaburra and notice its very large, pointed beak. What do you think kookaburras use their strong beaks for?
8. Goats, sheep, and rabbits have been used throughout history for meat. Goats also provide milk which can be used to make cheese and other dairy products. Sheep are sheared and their wool is used for clothing and textiles. Donkeys and horses have been used to transport people and materials for thousands of years.
9. Our alpacas have short, compact, and coarse fleece. These alpacas are the Huacaya breed.
10. Dingoes are known to hunt kangaroos and wallabies and rabbits, and some animals we do not have here at CMZ like wombats and possums. Dingoes are considered pests in Australia because they also occasionally attack and kill livestock animals such as sheep and goats.