

# Australian Animals

## Research Companion



Research, Informational Writing  
& Literacy and Math Extension



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### All About Kangaroos

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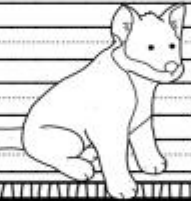
Write a sentence about kangaroos.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### All About Dingos

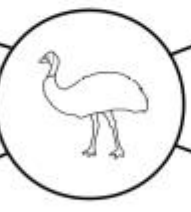

Write a sentence about dingos.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### All About Emus


Write a sentence about emus.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### All About Crocodiles

Write a sentence about crocodiles.



Graphic Organizers & Writing Pages  
For 10 Different Animals













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# My Animal Fact Book Pieces

Color the animals. Cut them out.  
Glue one animal on each page in your  
fact book.  
Write about the animals.

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## The Emu

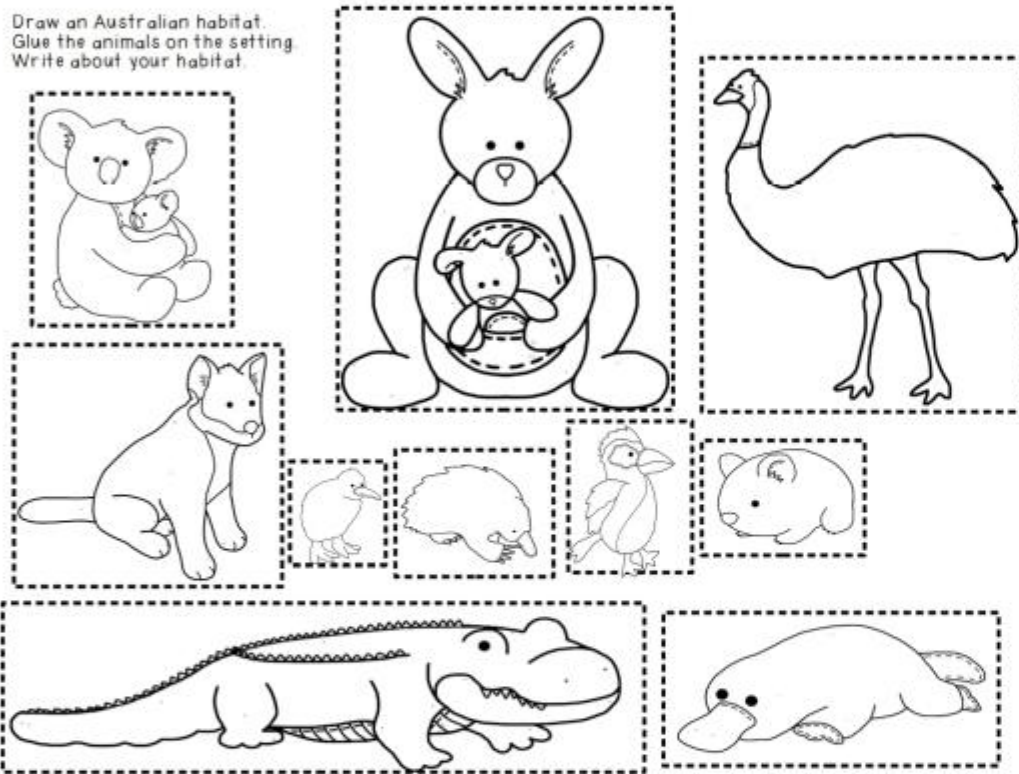
## The Koala

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Draw an Australian habitat.  
Glue the animals on the setting.  
Write about your habitat.



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### My Australian Animal Habitat

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Cut and Paste Habitat/ Setting Pieces



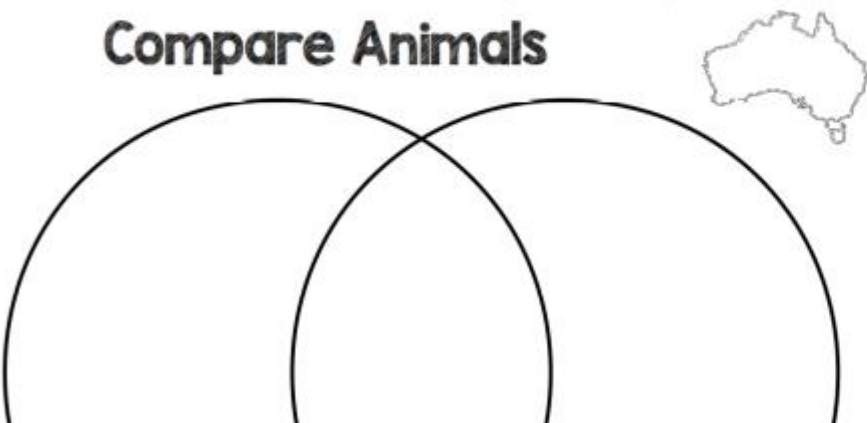
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose 2 animals.  
Compare them using the Venn diagram.


### Compare Animals



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I can write words in ABC order.

### ABC Order



Word Bank

emu  
wombat  
dingo  
kangaroo  
koala  
platypus  
crocodile

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_






\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Animal Match Up

Draw a line to match the picture and word.  
Then write the animal name next to the picture.


koala		_____
platypus		_____
emu		_____
wombat		_____
kookaburra		_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Spell It Out!

Cut and glue the letters to spell the animal word. Then give the animal a setting.

kangaroo



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

o r k n a a o g



# Literacy Extension


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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll & Color**


Roll 2 dice. Add. Color the sum.  
To play with a partner, take turns and use a different color.

2	5	10	
6	4	8	
11	3	12	9
9	7	8	2
12	11	3	6

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll & Color**

\*Roll a die. Color in the number.  
\*Play with a partner and use different colors.

2	5	3	1
6	4	2	
1	3	6	
4	5		

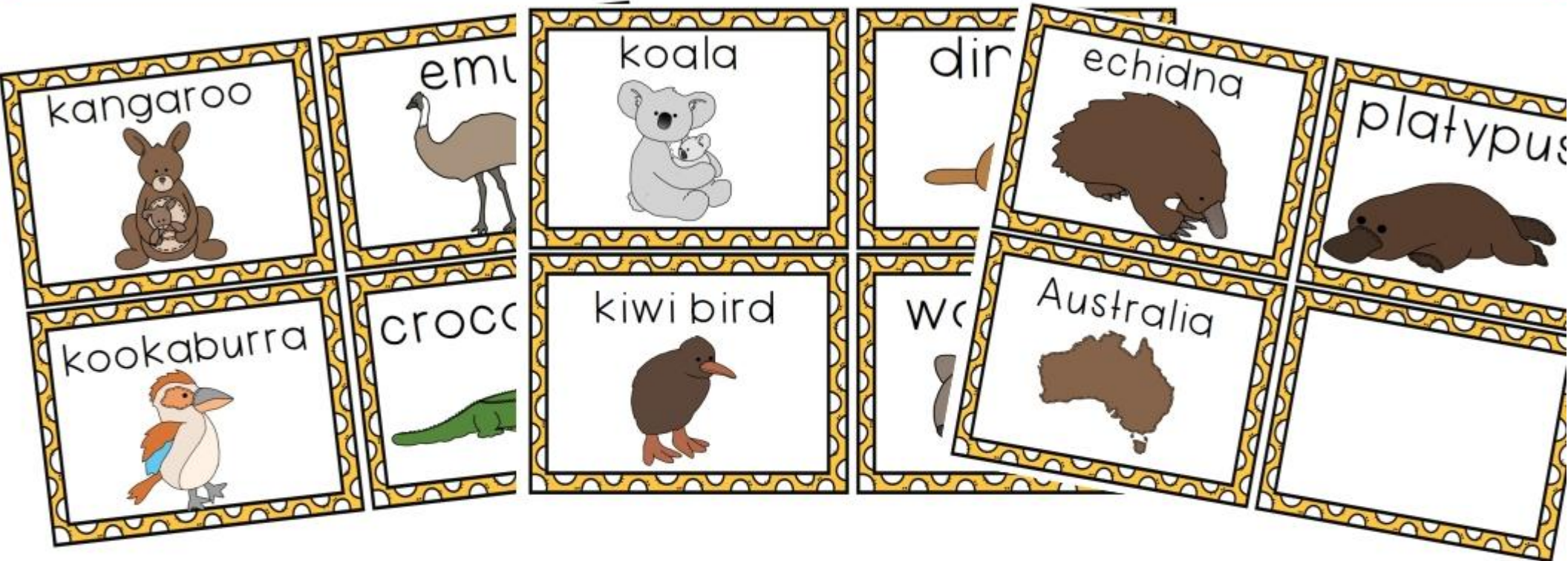


## Math Extension



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### Teaching Notes

Informational reading and writing is so much fun for students when it's based on a theme. This resource provides you with graphic organizers, writing pages, habitat craftivity, and literacy and math extension activities, which are great for adding to math and literacy centers. Use these materials with any book or video you have about animals from Australia and New Zealand.

My favorite way to use this resource is to research one animal together as a class. Modeling and practicing each step together helps students be prepared to do their own research. Then I have students work in partners or small groups to learn about more animals of their choice. Then, I add some informational books and the corresponding graphic organizers and writing pages to my literacy center as a research center for students to work on at their own pace and based on their own interests.

**\*Graphic Organizers-** There are two different graphic organizers for each animal. I like to have students practice growing one of their graphic organizer ideas into a sentence at the bottom of the page before they get to writing.

**\*Writing pages-** choose the animals and line sizes that work best for your students. These are great to have students write, color, and then hang on an informational bulletin board. Sometimes I even attach the paper to a piece of construction paper so it has a nice border as well.

**\*Fact Booklet-** If you'd rather have students write about many animals, rather than focusing on in depth research about just one animal, this booklet is for you. Choose the number of animals and the line size to create the booklet. Print, staple, cut in half, and you have 2 student booklets. You can have students draw pictures or color cut and paste the included pieces that fit nicely into the squares on your booklet.

**\*Habitat Writing-** On a large piece of construction paper have students draw an Australian animal setting/ habitat. Then they can either draw or cut and paste the animal pictures on their setting. Choose the writing page that best meets their needs for them to describe the setting and the animals there.

**\*Literacy Extension-** You'll find a variety of cut and paste word building, sentence scrambles, and matching activities which are great to add to literacy centers.

**\*Math Extension-** This roll and color game is great for individual or partner play to practice adding to 12 or numbers to 6. Students are always excited to see activities pertaining to a theme they're studying throughout the day!

**\*Vocabulary/ Word wall cards-** These cards are designed to help students to identify and see the animal words. These can be used in a matching game by printing two sets on cardstock or just to support writing and reading activities.

**\*Photo pages-** These are a great start to showing and learning about the animals. Students love the real life photos and many times the photos help them to decide which animal they are most interested in learning about!



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Use any book or video you have in the classroom to learn and then use the included graphic organizers and writing pages to write about:

- \*Koala
- \*Echidna
- \*Kangaroo
- \*Kiwi Bird
- \*Platypus
- \*Crocodile
- \*Emu
- \*Wombat
- \*Kookaburra
- \*Dingo



# Learn about 10 Animals!