



# Years 3-4

## Different Australian Animals

### Student Worksheet

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Animals are divided into different groups by scientists because some animals are more closely related than others. We all belong to a group of animals called MAMMALS because we have fur and give birth to live young. Did you realize we had fur?

Most Australian animals belong to a very special group of mammals that we call MARSUPIALS.  
The Koala, Kangaroo and Wombat are all Marsupials.



**Question 1.**

Can you think what they have in common that some other mammals don't have?

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**Question 2.**

Snakes and Crocodiles belong to a very different group of animals. Can you think what we call these animals?

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**Question 3.**

After you have patted the snake, the lizards and the crocodile, can you work out what all these animals have covering their skin?

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**Question 4.**

Reptiles are sometimes called 'cold blooded' or 'solar powered'. What do you think heats up a reptile's body?

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**Question 5.**

Birds are another group of animals that we have at the Billabong. They don't have fur covering their bodies. What do they have instead?

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**Question 6.**

Birds can come in all different shapes and sizes. Some can fly, some can't fly. Write down one bird that you saw that can fly, and one that can't.

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**Question 7.**

Birds have beaks which they can use for very different things. Put a circle around the things you think birds might use their beaks for.

**Opening cans of soft drink**

**Picking their nose**

**Drinking**

**Catching insects & small fish**

**Cracking open seeds**

**Picking fruit off trees**