

Koalas



Do koalas belong to the bear family?

1. What do koalas look like?

2. Do koalas belong to the bear family?


3. What other animals are marsupials?

4. How do we know that koalas are not social animals?


Do koalas belong to the bear family?

Name: _____

Do

Koalas are not social animals. They live alone and do not associate with other koalas. 

What do koalas look like?

Koalas are covered with thick fur that is gray on top and a yellowish-white colour underneath. The fur on their stomach and ears is a lighter colour. Koalas have large round noses, small eyes, and big, round, fur-trimmed ears. They have short, stumpy tails. Adult koalas can be 60 centimetres long and weigh up to 14 kilograms. They live for up to 20 years in the wild. 

WEEK ONE – DAY ONE

Dear Parents: This worksheet reviews the sounds and concepts your child learns in five to ten minutes to complete the activities on this page with your child. The lessons. Depending on your child's present ability, you may want to do these activities with your child to do some or all of the writing. Encourage your child to do as much as he or she can on his/her own.

Think of three words that have the 'ar' sound in 'marsupial'.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

'Cute' and 'cuddly' describe koalas. Print five other words that describe koalas.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

sloths marsupial opossums bears

1. The koala looks like a small teddy _____.
2. Koalas are called Australian bears, pouched _____.
3. Koalas belong to the _____ family.
4. Marsupials are animals with a _____.
5. Kangaroos, wallabies, and _____ also belong to the marsupial family.

SPELLING LISTS

Week 1 – List A

small
bear

Week 1 – List B

animal
teddy
family
social
alone
yellow
white
light
colour
large

Week 1 – List C

koala
marsupial
Australia
wallaby
opossum
associate
eastern
eucalyptus
balance
kangaroo

List A

Week 2 – List B

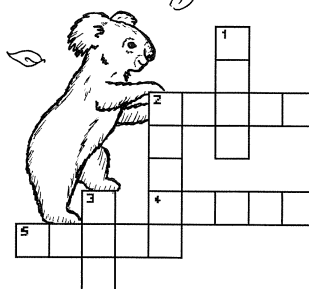
eyes
forests
wedge
branches
leaves
water
thumbs
padding
slowly
joey

Week 2 – List C

position
favourite
activity
rarely
muscles
absolutely
jellybean
enemies
lizards
protect

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Week 1 – List A



ACROSS

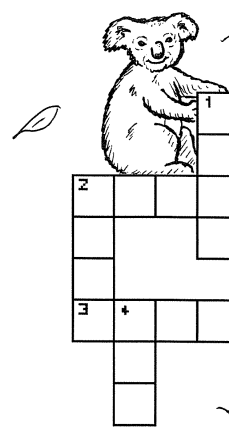
- 2 My sister is very _____.
- 4 Koalas have _____ fur.
- 5 Joeys ride in their mother's _____.

DOWN

- 1 I have a teddy _____.
- 2 A koala is also called a native _____.
- 3 Many animals are covered in _____.

bear fur pouch sloth
small thick

Week 2 – List A



ACROSS

- 2 It is _____ for bed.
- 3 The caterpillar was eating the _____.

DOWN

- 1 There was a nest in the _____.
- 2 My cat has a long _____.
- 4 I _____ lunch at school.

eat leaf tail time tree



Kute Kuddly Koalas



Do Pandas belong to the bear family?

1. What family does the giant panda belong to?

2. Why are giant pandas hard to study?

3. Where are giant pandas studied?

4. What family do you think giant pandas should belong to?

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What do Pandas look like

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WEEK ONE - DAY ONE

Dear Parents: This worksheet reviews the sounds and concepts your child learned at school today. Take five to ten minutes to complete the activities on this page with your child. The activities reinforce today's lessons. Depending on your child's present ability, you may want to do these activities orally or you may want your child to do some or all of the writing. Encourage your child to do as much writing as he/she is able to do on his/her own.

Think of three words that have the 'sh' sound in 'shoulder'.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

'Cuddly' and 'huge' describe pandas. Print five other words that describe pandas.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

giant bear family scientists pandas

1. Scientists are not sure what _____ the pandas belong to.
2. Some scientists say they belong to the _____ family.
3. Some _____ say they belong to the raccoon family.
4. Most scientists say the _____ panda and the red panda belong to the panda family.
5. Giant _____ are hardly ever seen in the wild.

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Do pandas belong to the bear family?

Pandas look like bears in size and shape but scientists are not sure what family the panda belongs to. Some scientists say the panda belongs to the bear family. Some scientists say the panda belongs to the raccoon family. Most scientists say the giant panda and the red panda belong to the panda family. Giant pandas are hardly ever seen. They are hard to study and are studied in zoos. This unit studies the giant panda.

What do pandas look like?

Pandas look like big teddy bears. They have thick white fur. Pandas are white with black eye patches, muzzle, limbs, and shoulders. Their fur is 5 centimeters thick. The heavy fur keeps the pandas warm and comfortable. One of the world's largest animals. They can grow to 1.5 metres tall and weigh up to 136 kilograms. Pandas live 20 years in captivity and up to thirty years in the wild.

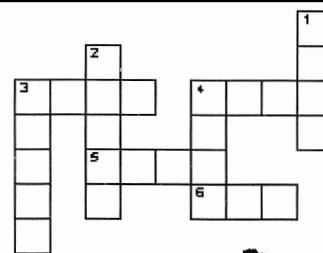
China

muzzle

limbs

shoulder

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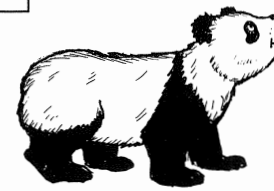
ACROSS

- 3 I have a teddy _____.
- 4 The sun is _____ at night.
- 5 It gets _____ at night.
- 6 We had to let our umbrellas _____.

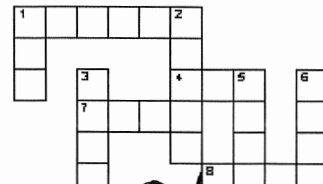
DOWN

- 1 The clothes felt a little _____.
- 2 There is a _____ on the knee of my pants.
- 3 My cat is _____ and white.
- 4 Most pandas live in the _____.

bear black cool damp
dry patch warm wild



Week 2 - List A



ACROSS

- 1 Our house is full of _____.
- 4 We went home to _____ lunch.
- 7 It will soon be _____ to go home.
- 8 I put a hat on my _____.

DOWN

- 1 My dog hurt its _____.
- 2 I didn't get a lot of _____ last night.
- 3 The roses had long _____.
- 5 We planted an elm _____.
- 6 My Mom packed lots of _____ for the picnic.

eat food head paw plants



PANDAS TRIVIA GAME

Why are pandas hard to study?	They are hard to see.
What colour are pandas?	They are black and white.
How long do pandas live in the wild?	They live 30 years.
Where do pandas live in the wild?	They live in China.
What do pandas eat?	They eat bamboo.



UNIT TEST

Name: _____

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

bamboo zoo black leaves cubs

1. Pandas have _____ and white fur.
2. Scientists study pandas in the _____.
3. Baby pandas are called _____.
4. There are 700 kinds of _____.
5. Pandas eat bamboo _____, stems, and shoots.

B. Print two words that describe each typed word.

panda _____
cub _____
China _____
bamboo _____
mountains _____

C. Put the following words into ABC order:

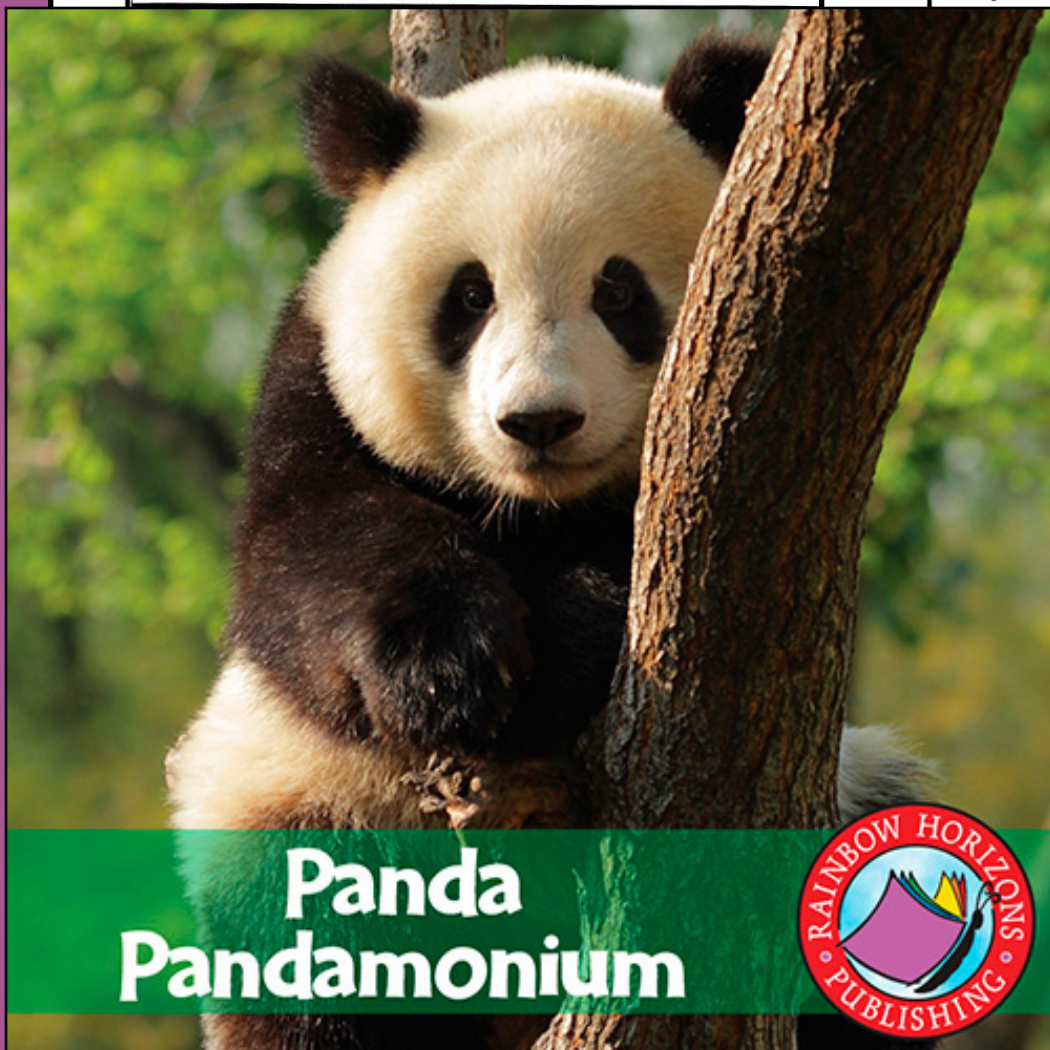
panda China bamboo black white

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Panda Pandamonium



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Do polar bears belong to the bear family?



- Do polar bears belong to the bear family?

- Where do polar bears spend their time?

- How do we know polar bears are curious animals?

- What do polar bears do alone?

How do polar bears get their food?

Polar bears are excellent hunters. Their white fur is easy for them to hide in the snow. They can sneak up on seals because their white fur helps hide them. Polar bears can also ride on chunks of ice when they are hunting. Polar bears can also swim underwater also. They can stay underwater for up to 30 minutes. They have hollow, oily hairs on top of their fur. These help the polar bears to float.

How do polar bears move?

Polar bears move fast, even though they are big animals. They can run up to 40 kilometres per hour. Polar bears can run fast enough to catch a reindeer. Polar bears are good swimmers. They are the best of all the different kinds of bears. Polar bears close their nose and their eyes when they are swimming under the water. The front legs of the polar bear push the bear through the water. The back legs drag behind the bear to help them steer. The huge front paws make it easy for polar bears to help them steer. The huge front paws make it easy for polar bears to help them steer.

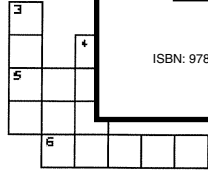
polar

bear

strong

powerful

curious



- Sometimes polar bears like to go for a swim.
- The _____ swam away under the water.

float ice seal shores
snow swim water

Week 2 – List A

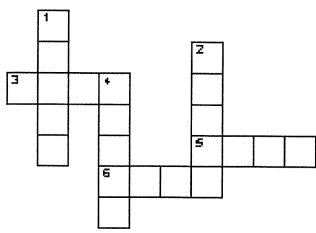
ACROSS

- Polar bears use their _____ for paddles when they swim.
- Polar bear _____ are born in a den.
- Polar bears _____ for chunks of ice to ride.

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- Sometimes polar bears eat _____, berries, and plants.
- Some chunks of ice are very _____.
- Polar bears have a good sense of _____.

cubs grass look paws
smell thick



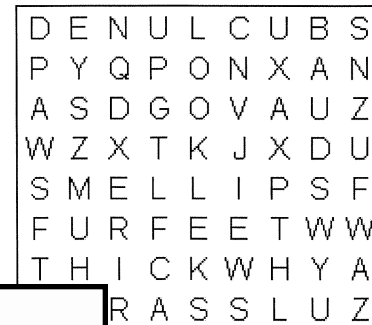
POLAR BEARS TRIVIA GAME

What family do polar bears belong to?	They belong to the bear family.
What colour is a polar bear's fur?	A polar bear's fur is creamy white.
Where do polar bears live?	They live in the Arctic.
What is the polar bears' favourite food?	The polar bears' favourite food is seals.
How do polar bears move when they are hunting?	Polar bears sometimes ride chunks of ice when they are hunting.

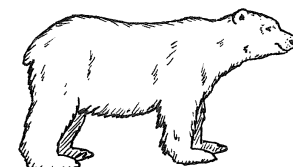


- seal
- shores
- float
- cold
- ice
- snow
- land
- water
- hunt
- swim

Week 2 – List A



- look
- smell
- fur
- feet
- paws
- thick
- grass
- den



UNIT TEST

Name: _____

- A. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.
Arctic bear dens man seals
- Polar bears live in the _____.
 - _____ are the polar bears' favourite food.
 - Mother polar bears hibernate in _____.
 - Polar bears belong to the _____ family.
 - _____ is the polar bears' worst enemy.

- B. Print two words that describe each typed word below:
- Arctic _____
- fur _____
- cub _____
- ice _____
- den _____

- C. Put the following words into ABC order:
polar bear cub ice Arctic
- _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____



Polar Bears



In some ways, polar bears and black bears are the same. In some ways they are different.
Can you complete the chart?

	Polar bears	Black bears
What do they eat?	Seals	
Where do they live?		In forests and parks.
What do they look like?		Black fur. 4 legs A large animal
What are the babies called?	Cubs	

On a blank piece of paper draw a picture of a polar bear and a black bear.

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Can you pretend that you are a polar bear?

You want to write a letter to the president of an oil company. You have to tell him what happens when the oil company spills oil in the ocean.

Don't forget to tell the president what the oil does to your fur when you swim in the ocean!




Dear Mr. Oil Company President






Yours Polar

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If I were a  for just one day, I would eat  instead of .

If I were a  for just one day, I would look like this  instead of this: .

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Minimalist Class

1. Can you find a word that starts with a short 'i' sound? Circle it with a blue crayon.
 2. Can you find a word that starts with a long 'e' sound? Circle it with a yellow crayon.
 3. Can you find a word that rhymes with 'pill'? Circle it with a yellow crayon.
 4. Can you find a word that has a short 'i' sound like 'ship'? Circle it with an orange crayon.
 5. How many times can you find the word 'bears'? Circle the word 'bears' with a green crayon.
 6. Can you find a word that rhymes with 'funny'? Circle it with a pink crayon.
- ★ Prepare minimal cues activities on a chart each morning for a group activity.

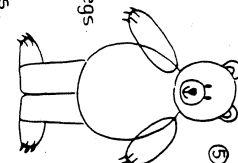
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brown bear
Would you like to hibernate for the winter?
What would you do to make your den more comfortable?
Can you draw a picture of your den, ready for hibernation?

polar bear
Can you pretend that you are a polar bear?
You live in a zoo in Ontario, Canada.
A zookeeper looks after you. Can you write him a list of the things that he must do to take care of you?

Ming is a Giant Panda visiting a zoo in Canada. Ming needs to eat bamboo, but bamboo does not grow in Canada.
Where will the zoo get the bamboo to feed Ming? How will they get it to him?

Art for Kids!
Can you draw a cartoon bear from what you know?
For the head, draw a circle.
Draw 2 ears like half moons.
Draw a muzzle and a nose on the bottom half of the head. Draw a mouth shaped like an anchor. Draw 2 eyes.
Draw a big belly sort of shaped like an egg.
5 Draw 2 sausage shapes for arms. Draw lines to show paws. Add claws.
For legs, jump, hop, crawl, walk, run, and show claws.
try! draw lightly at first with a pencil. Then draw your bear in colour. You can draw different kinds of bears.



Did you know that bears and pandas are mammals?

Bears and pandas feed their milk to their cubs.

Other mammals are cows, foxes, rabbits, dogs, cats, raccoons and deer.

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Bears & Pandas



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