

# Sleepy Koalas

This task is about adding words to a text so it makes sense.

The following piece of writing has some spaces where words are missing.

First, read the whole piece of writing through to get an idea of what it is about. Then fill each space with **ONE** word so that the whole piece of writing makes sense. You are able to change answers as you go. When you have filled in all the spaces, re-read the text to check that the whole piece of writing makes sense.



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Whenever I saw Koalas on my holiday in Australia, most of them seemed to be asleep. And when they weren't sleeping, they were busy  <sup>1</sup> gum leaves. I found out that Koalas eat  <sup>2</sup> about four hours a day and spend nearly  <sup>3</sup> the other twenty hours sleeping. The name "Koala"  <sup>4</sup> from an Aboriginal word that means "no drink." Koalas  <sup>5</sup> drink much water because they get as  <sup>6</sup> liquid as they need from eucalyptus (gum) leaves.  <sup>7</sup> there were millions of Koalas in Australia, but  <sup>8</sup> of them were killed for their meat or fur.  <sup>9</sup> forests that they lived in were destroyed,  <sup>10</sup> the Koalas were hunted so much that they  <sup>11</sup> became extinct. Many also died from disease. These  <sup>12</sup>, Koalas are protected. People are not allowed to  <sup>13</sup> them or keep them as pets. I visited a  <sup>14</sup> where Koalas are cared for. Some of the  <sup>15</sup> from sanctuaries are released into the wild or  <sup>16</sup> to zoos. When a Koala is born, it  <sup>17</sup> about the size of a bee. It crawls  <sup>18</sup> into its mother's pouch and stays there, drinking  <sup>19</sup> milk, for about twenty-eight weeks. Once it  <sup>20</sup> big enough to leave the pouch, the baby  <sup>21</sup> rides on its mother's back, clinging to her  <sup>22</sup>. And then it snuggles up close for yet  <sup>23</sup> sleep!