

Australian Adventure Scavenger Hunt: Grades K-3

1. Head into the koala building and observe the koala. Compare the front paw of a koala to your hand. What looks the same? What is different?
2. Check out the tree kangaroo. Like koalas, tree kangaroos spend most of their time in trees. Watch the tree kangaroo and get a good look at his hands and feet. He has long, curved claws. How might claws help a tree kangaroo live in a tree?
3. Inside the koala building, try and locate the echidna. They are very shy, so he may be hard to find. If you can't find him, look at the pictures of him on the informational board in the middle of the exhibit. What do you notice about his coat? Would you want to touch this coat? Why or why not?
4. Head across the road to Lorikeet Landing. Inside, there are three species of lorikeet. Observe the birds. What colors do you see?
5. As you enter the walkabout, observe the kangaroos. You can see that they have very large ears that they can move around in any direction. Why might they have such big ears?
6. As you are observing the kangaroos and wallabies, do you see them in groups or by themselves? Do they look like they like to be alone, or with each other?
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. Head over to the petting zoo. The goats may be outside in the pen or in their barn. You will notice that the goats have large, hard horns. Do you see the goats using their horns for anything? What do you think they might use their horns for?
9. Alpacas are raised on farms in the U.S., the Netherlands and Australia. There are two breeds of Alpacas, the Huacaya and the Suri. Huacaya is the most common breed, with hair (fleece) that is short, coarse, and compact. The Suri's fleece is long, fine and can grow long enough to touch the ground. Look at our Alpacas. What type of fleece do they have? Which breed are they?
10. Observe the dingoes. Chances are they are sleeping or resting because dingoes are nocturnal. This means that they sleep or rest for most of the day and are active at night. Are you nocturnal?

