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Before You Read: Get Ready!

There are many exciting animals in Australia. You are going to read about some of them.

Words to Know

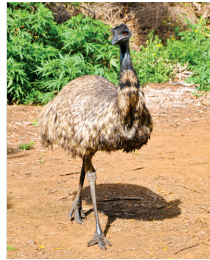
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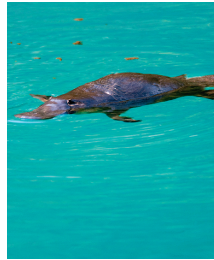
koala



kangaroo



emu



platypus



crocodile



snake



spider

- 1 A _____ goes up and down and eats grass.
- 2 A _____ has eight legs.
- 3 A _____ has big teeth and eats meat.
- 4 A _____ is a swimming animal with brown hair.
- 5 A _____ has a long body and no legs.
- 6 A _____ is gray and lives in trees.
- 7 An _____ is a big bird that cannot fly.

Words to Know

Complete the sentences with the correct words.



wildlife



dangerous



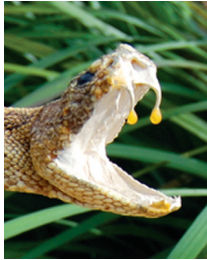
islands



forest



tunnel



venomous



sea

- 1 The _____ is very big. It's all salt water.
- 2 Some animals are pets, but animals that live in nature are called _____.
- 3 Hawaii is a group of _____.
- 4 Don't play games in the road! It's _____!
- 5 A _____ is a place with a lot of trees.
- 6 Don't go near snakes and spiders in Australia. Some are _____.
- 7 The road goes through the _____.

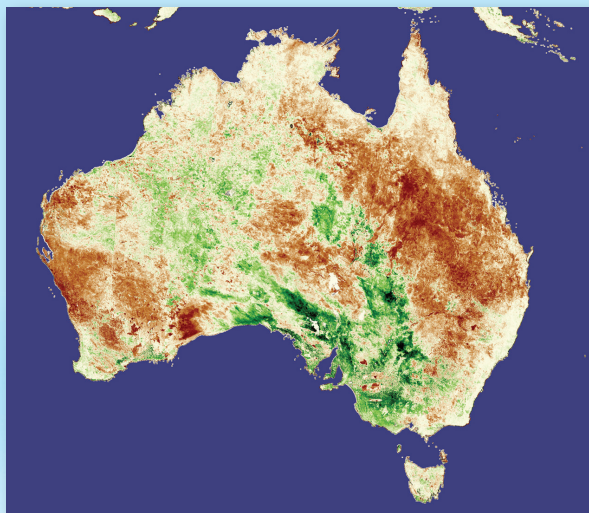


Australia and Its Wildlife

A LONG TIME AGO, AUSTRALIA WAS PART OF A SUPERCONTINENT CALLED GONDWANA.

Because Australia left the supercontinent¹ 130 million years ago, the animals here are different from animals in other places.

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¹**supercontinent:** millions of years ago, a very big island with the continents Antarctica, South America, Africa, and others all together as one



Video Quest



Unique Australia

Watch the video about Australian wildlife. What problems do some animals have? What answers do they find to those problems?

The **wildlife** can be **dangerous** to people: there are venomous snakes and spiders, and crocodiles, too.

Some animals only come from Australia, like the koala and the platypus. There are also many beautiful birds. Some are big and cannot fly, like the emu. The Australian animal that everybody knows is the kangaroo. Its babies live in a pouch² on the mother's body.

You can find exciting animals all over Australia.

²**pouch:** like a bag; the kangaroo has one in its body

