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Level 4 – 14th February, 2022

Koala put on endangered species list

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The cuddly koala is in danger. This lovable animal is now an endangered species. The Australian Koala Foundation believes there are as few as 43,000 left in the wild. Their numbers have been falling due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, and other threats. The World Wildlife Fund said: "Koalas have gone from no listing to vulnerable to endangered within a decade." It added that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction". It wanted laws to protect them.

The koala is important for Australia's culture, zoos and economy. Wikipedia says the koala "benefited the national tourism industry by over an estimated billion Australian dollars in 1998". However, efforts to protect the koala have not worked. Australia said there were "many pressures on the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and to disease". It said recent bushfires that killed thousands of the animals were "a tipping point".

Sources: <https://nypost.com/2022/02/11/koala-declared-endangered-as-disease-lost-habitat-take-toll/>
<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7616380/koalas-endangered-listing-a-national-failure-act-environment-minister-says/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koala>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. The cuddly koala is | a. decade |
| 2. numbers have been falling due | b. of habitat |
| 3. loss | c. toward extinction |
| 4. other | d. in danger |
| 5. Koalas have gone from no listing to | e. them |
| 6. within a | f. threats |
| 7. koalas risk sliding | g. vulnerable |
| 8. It wanted laws to protect | h. to disease |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The koala is important for | a. on the koala |
| 2. the national tourism | b. Australian dollars |
| 3. an estimated billion | c. point |
| 4. efforts to protect | d. industry |
| 5. there were many pressures | e. killed thousands |
| 6. t is vulnerable to | f. the koala |
| 7. recent bushfires that | g. climate change |
| 8. a tipping | h. Australia's culture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The cuddly koala (1) _____. This lovable animal is now an endangered species. The Australian Koala Foundation believes there are (2) _____ 43,000 left in the wild. Their numbers have been (3) _____ disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, and other threats. The World Wildlife Fund said: "Koalas (4) _____ no listing to vulnerable to endangered within a decade." (5) _____ koalas risk "sliding toward extinction". It wanted laws (6) _____.

The koala (7) _____ Australia's culture, zoos and economy. Wikipedia says the koala "benefited (8) _____ industry by (9) _____ billion Australian dollars in 1998". However, (10) _____ the koala have not worked. Australia said there were "(11) _____ the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and to disease". It said (12) _____ killed thousands of the animals were "a tipping point".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KOALAS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about koalas in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **koalas** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
