

## Why the koala has a stumpy tail – reading comprehension

*Read the story of Why the koala has a stumpy tail and use the text to answer the following questions.*

1) What did tree kangaroo remember?

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2) What four things did koala use as excuses? Tick one.

- a) Hungry, tired, thirsty & angry.
- b) Thirsty, tired, dizzy & had a thorn in his foot.
- c) Thirsty, hungry, dizzy & had a thorn in his foot.
- d) Hungry, tired, dizzy and angry.

3) Which of these was not a reason why kangaroo got angry with koala. Tick one.

- a) He kept making up excuses not to help him dig.
- b) He drank all the water from the hole.
- c) He made him walk a long way to get to the dry stream bed.
- d) He was greedy.

4) Sequence the following events in the order they happened. Put a number in the box to show the order that they happened in.

Tree kangaroo and Koala walked until they came to a dry stream bed.

Koala quickly jumped down from the tree.

Tree Kangaroo pulled Koala's tail off.

Koala got a thorn in his foot.

Tree Kangaroo started to get very angry with Koala.

Tree Kangaroo had a plan.

5) What other words could the author have used instead of, 'He pulled ever so hard until Koala's tail broke off,' to still keep the meaning?

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6) How does Tree Kangaroo feel at the start of the story? How do you know?

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7) How does Tree Kangaroo feel at the end of the story? How do you know?

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8) What do you think the moral of the story is? Explain why you think this, using the text to support your answer.

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9) How is this story similar to 'How the birds got their colours'?

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