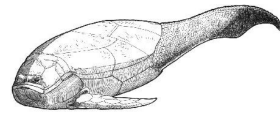
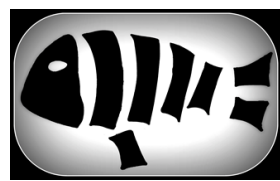
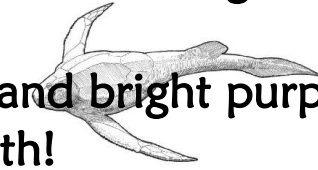


Jokes



1. What's a crocodile's favourite game? A: Snap.
2. What's small, furry and bright purple? A: A koala holding its breath!
3. What do you get when you cross a kangaroo with a sheep? A: A woolly jumper!
4. Why do kangaroo mums hate bad weather? A: Their joeys have to play inside!
5. What kind of bird can write? A: A penguin.
6. Why did the koala eat so much eucalyptus? A: He simply couldn't leaf it alone.
7. What do stylish kangaroos wear? A: Jumpsuits.
8. How do you know when a croc is happy? A: They croco-smile.
9. What's a koala's favourite drink? A: Coca Koala!
10. What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo? A: A pouch potato!
11. We would tell you an echidna joke...but who are we echid-ing, we'd rather just get to the point!
12. Why did the ostrich, the emu, the turkey, and the penguin get let out on bail? A: Because they were flightless.
13. What's a koala's favourite car? A: A furrari!
14. What do you call a koala with no teeth? A: A gummy bear!
15. What do you call a group of possums? A: A possy.
16. Why did the manager hire the marsupial? A. Because he was koala-fied.



We would love your input. Send your colouring in, questions, or even photos to us via our snail mail address (P.O Box 216 Canowindra NSW 2804) or by email (fish@cabonne.nsw.gov.au). We can't wait to hear from you.

Little Fossils Kids Club

Summer 2024



Welcome to our Summer 2024 newsletter. Our topic is on Australian plants and animals (or biota). These include the koala, wombat, kangaroo, platypus, emu, echidna, eucalyptus and wattle. Unscramble the names of the plants and animals below:

- 1 _atypuspl_____
- 2 _ume_____
- 3 _akoal_____
- 4 _oopkgarang_____
- 5 _naehidc_____

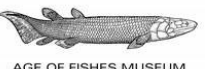
Answers 1. Platypus 2. Emu 3. Koala 4. Kangaroo 5. Echidna.

Name five careers relating to Australian biota e.g. A National Parks Ranger.

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DID YOU KNOW? AUSTRALIAN BIOTA FACTS

- Australia has 600,000 to 700,000 different species!
- More than 80% of Australian mammals, reptiles, amphibians and plants are only found in Australia.
- There are more species of reptiles and fish in Australia than in any other country on Earth.
- Australia is the only continent in the world that has three types of mammals: a) monotremes (mammals that lay eggs such as the Platypus and Echidna, b) marsupials (mammals that give birth to young that live in pouches), c) placentals (mammals that give birth to fully developed young).
- Wombats are the only animal in the world that have cube-shaped poop!
- The Golden Wattle, is Australia's national floral emblem.
- Wattle's golden flowers and green leaves gave us Australia's national colours of green and gold!
- The Swamp Gum, (or Mountain Ash), is the tallest flowering plant in the world, growing up to 114 metres tall!
- Eucalyptus oil is an antiseptic and is used to treat cuts and sores.
- Western Australia has more than 12,000 species of wildflowers.
- The Fitzroy River Turtle breathes through its backside. This allows it to stay under water for up to 21 days.
- The Echidna has porcupine-like spines, a beak, pouch and lays eggs like a reptile. It also feeds its young milk.
- Australian native plants provide habitat for all kinds of local wildlife— especially birds, bats, bees and a wide variety of insects.
- Banksia blossoms are fragrant and smell like baked bread.

Spot the differences- can you find all 10 differences?



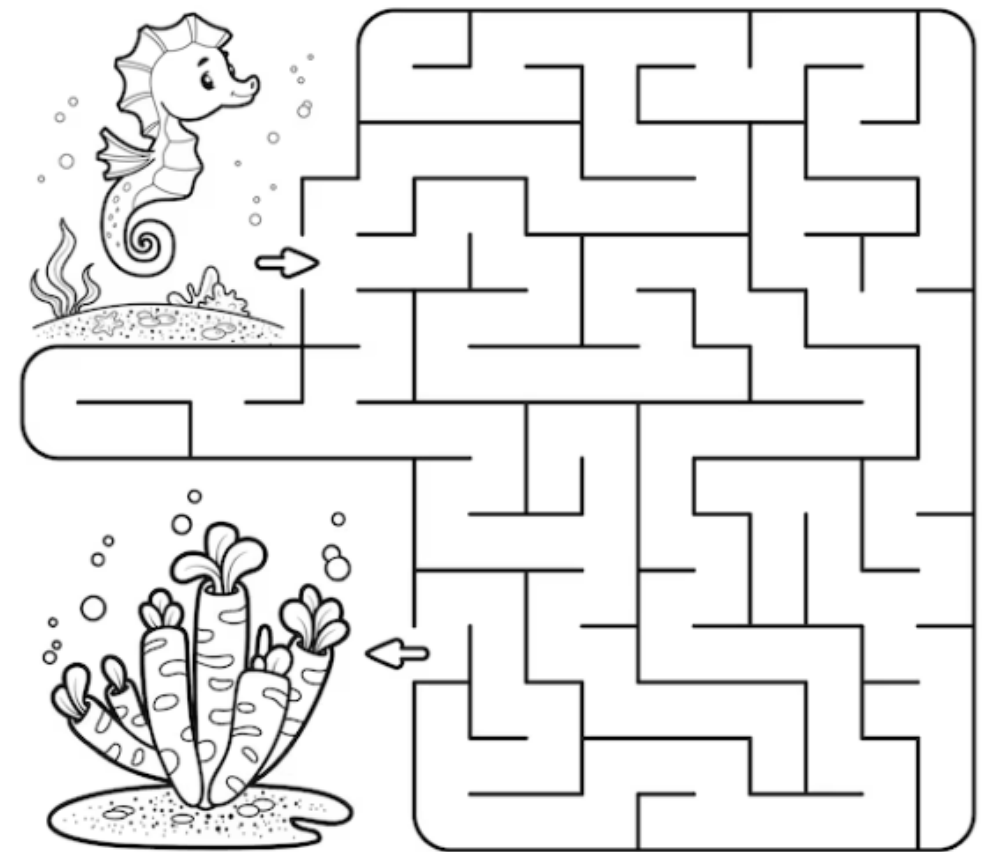
Science at Home

You will need:

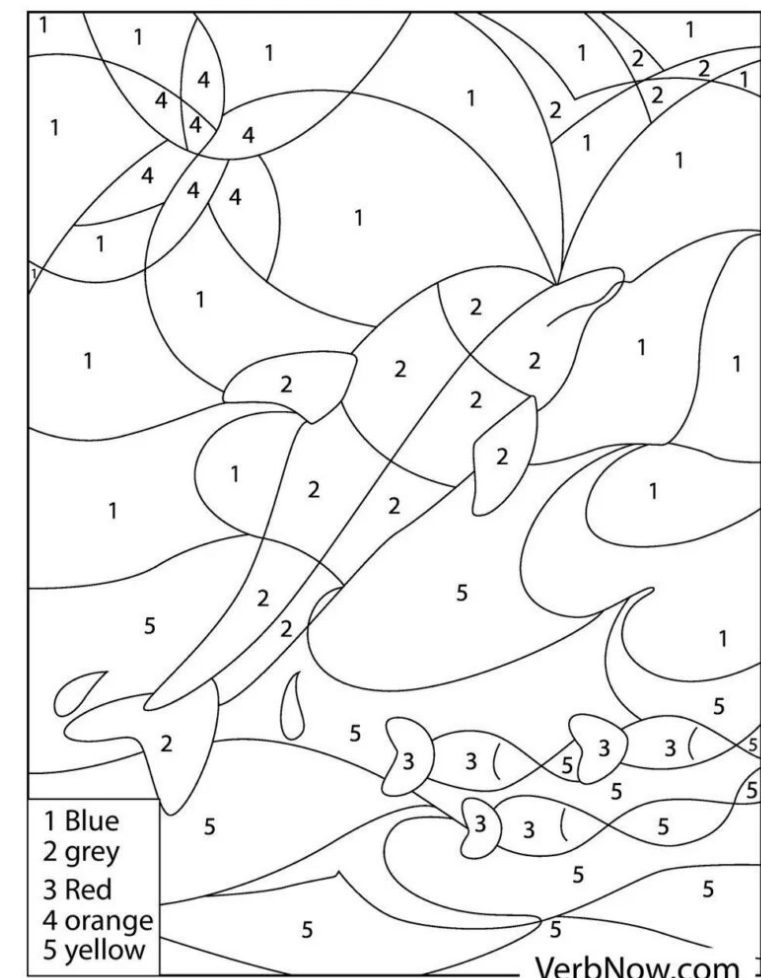
- Craft paper (also called construction/sugar paper) or a Sun print kit.
 - Sticky tape.
 - Leaves and flowers.
 - A window or direct sunlight.
1. Collect some leaves and flowers.
 2. Arrange your plants on the paper and gently flatten them.
 3. Stick the plants onto the paper.
 4. Place your paper in full light near a window or in direct sunlight.
 5. The dyes in construction paper will fade and an image will form.



Work your way through the maze!



Colour by numbers



CHALLENGE SPACE

Challenge yourself

- Repeat these tongue twisters as fast as you can six times:
Sally saw Shelley singing swimming songs.
Red bulb, blue bulb.
Susie sailed the seven seas.
- Put salt in a large flat tub and make drawings in the salt.
- Make finger puppets and put on a show.
- Dance with scarves to upbeat and slow music.
- Throw a blanket over furniture to make a cubby house.
- Make some prints using a home made potato stamp.
- Set up a mini bowling game. Use toys as the pins.
- Go for a walk and eye spy different birds.
- Learn a new language.
- Visit a National Park.
- Make your own musical instruments.
- Try orienteering.
- Build a tower with playdough and popsicle sticks.
- Make some brightly coloured pom poms.
- Trek in the mountains.
- Go fruit picking and make some jam.
- Go fishing or yabbing at a local creek.
- Go camping.
- Research your favourite careers.
- Star gaze.

Drawing Challenge

Colour in this image and send it to the Age of Fishes Museum for a chance to win a prize.

