ReadWorks All About Koalas





Koalas are cute animals. Some koalas live in zoos in our country. Do you know what koalas eat? At first, they drink their mothers' milk. Later, they eat special leaves. These are eucalyptus (yoo-kuh-LIP-tuhss) leaves. Koalas use their noses to smell the leaves. They will not eat leaves that smell bad. Koalas do not drink much water. They get their water from the leaves. Guess what the word *koala* means? It means "no drink."

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**Directions:** For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

- 1. What animal is this passage about?
  - a) elephants
  - b) koalas
  - c) bears
- 2. The author describes what koalas eat. What leaves do adult koalas eat?
  - a) eucalyptus leaves
  - b) pine leaves
  - c) oak leaves
- 3. What does the word koala (which we read means "no drink") teach us about koalas?
  - a) Koalas do not drink a lot of water.
  - b) Koalas can survive without water.
  - c) Koalas are afraid of water.
- **4.** What is "All About Koalas" mainly about?
  - a) what koalas eat and drink
  - b) where koalas live
  - c) cute animals

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- 6. What did you learn from "All About Koalas"?
- **7. Class Discussion Question:** What would happen to a koala if all of the eucalyptus leaves smelled bad?