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Get your sketchbooks ready, we're taking a voyage of scientific exploration into the Australian wilderness!

Under the sea, across desert sands and into the bushland, there are so many curious and wonderful creatures to discover.

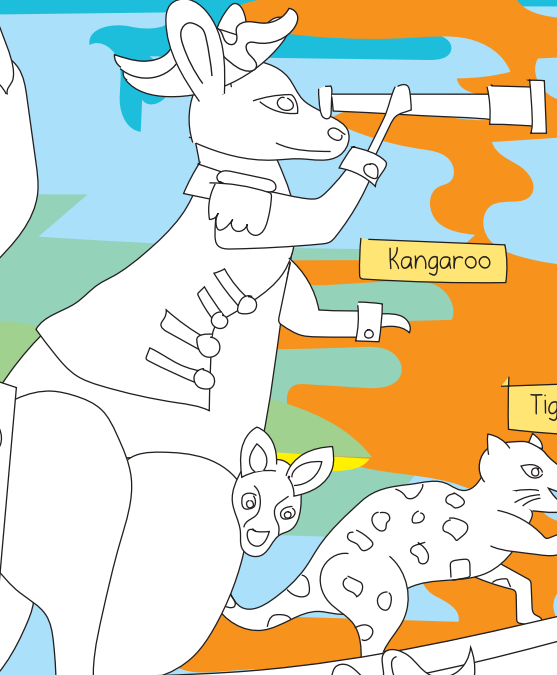
Here are some Australian animals for you to colour in.



Le Geographe



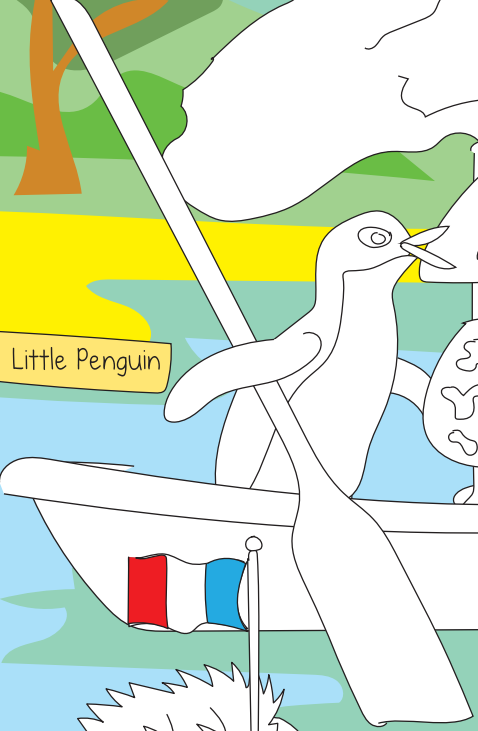
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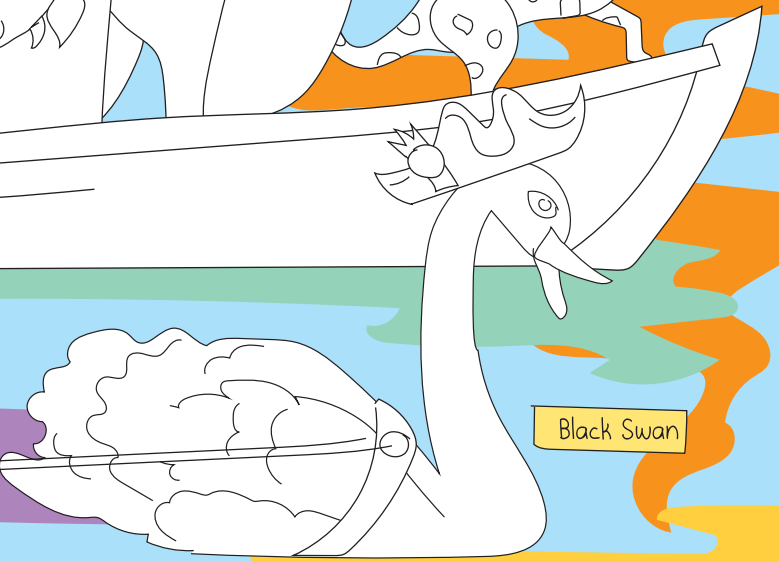
Kangaroo



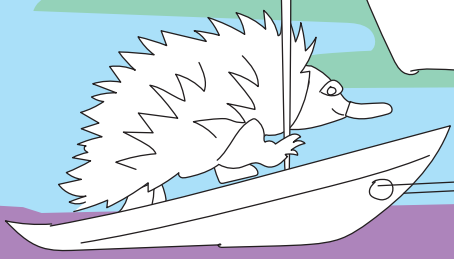
Tiger Quoll



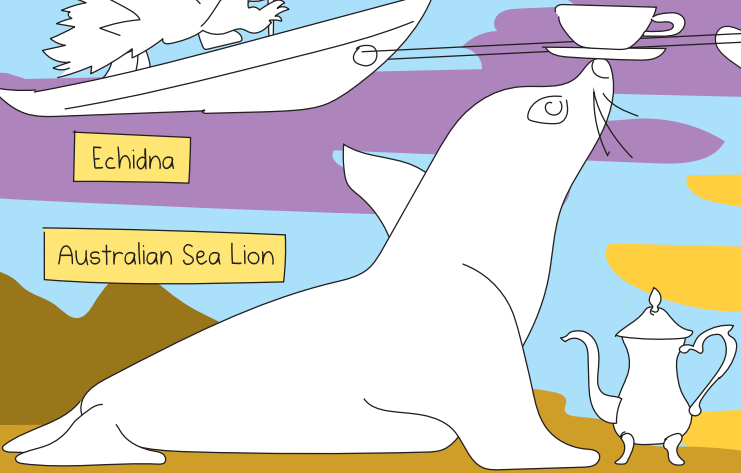
Little Penguin



Black Swan



Echidna



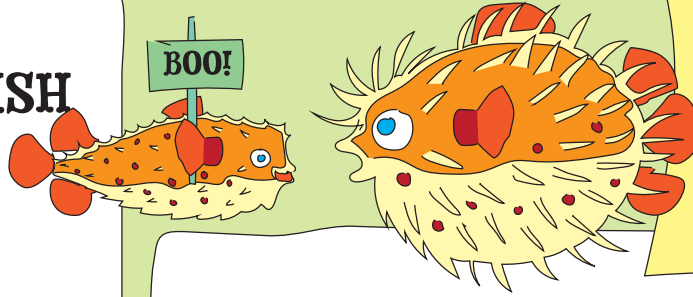
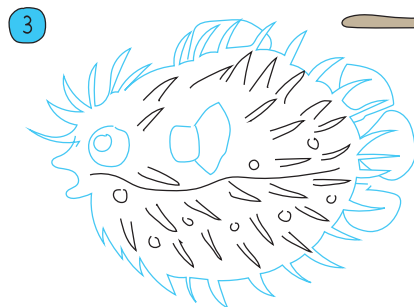
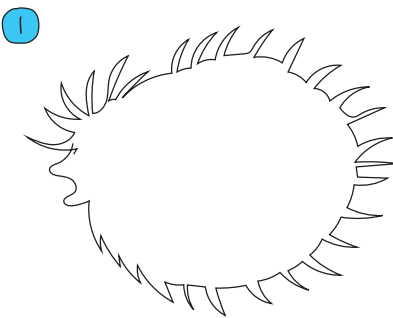
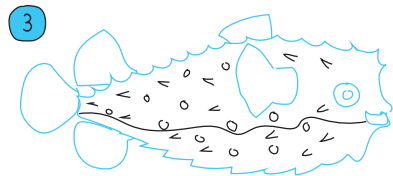
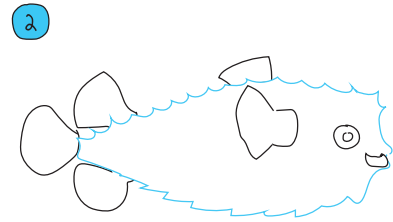
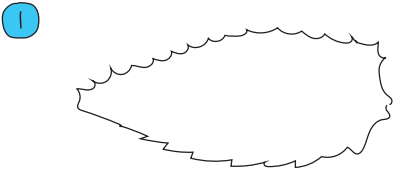
Australian Sea Lion

## Did You Know...

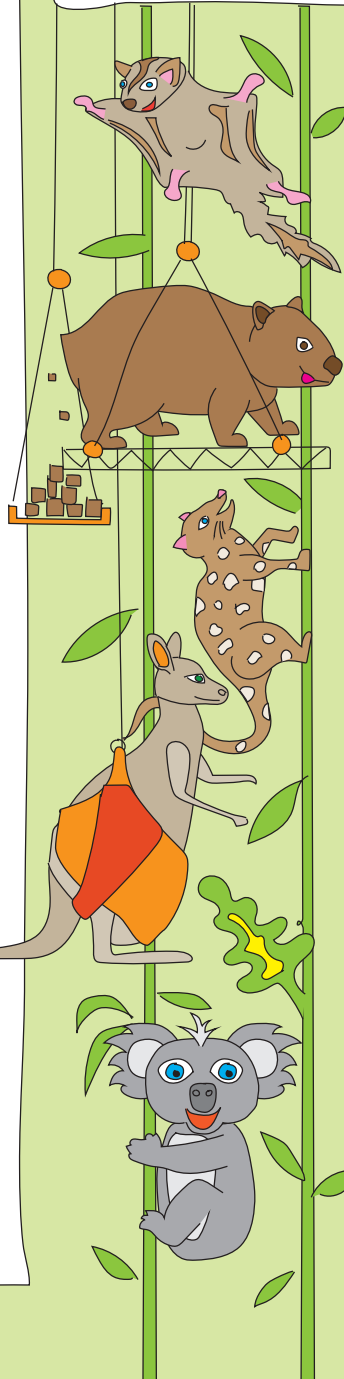
In the year 1800 a 'Voyage of scientific exploration' from France travelled around Australia. Captain Nicolas Baudin and his crew didn't just draw and write about what they saw. They tried to take more 700 specimens back to France, including kangaroos, parrots, emus and two black swans who found a new home in Empress Josephine Bonaparte's garden.

# How to draw a PORCUPINEFISH - TWO WAYS!

Follow these simple steps to draw a porcupinefish, puffed or unpuffed!



A porcupinefish can inflate up to twice its usual size to scare away predators. It inflates by taking a seriously big gulp of water!



## MARSUPIAL MYSTERY

All of these animals are known as marsupials – that means the females carry their babies in a pouch. See if you can match the description to the correct animal illustration.

1. I move by hopping, I can grow very tall, my tail is strong and my arms are small. There are more of my species than there are humans in Australia. You might see me on the side of a plane or the front of a coin.

I am a

2. I move by climbing, but I don't move a lot, just sleep all day! I love to eat, too – a kilogram of leaves each day at least, but I hardly ever drink!

I am a

3. I walk with a waddle, but I can run pretty fast! I like to chew on bark to keep my teeth in shape. I'm an excellent digger. It takes me 14 days to digest my dinner. My poo is shaped like a cube.

I am a

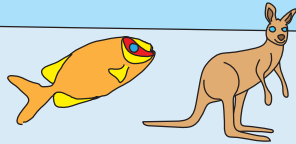
4. I can fly from tree to tree (up to 45 metres), using wings between my legs. My eyes are so big, I'm positively adorable! I like to play at night time and my favourite foods are sugary sweet – tree sap, gum and nectar!

I am a

5. I am the biggest carnivorous (meat-eating) marsupial surviving in mainland Australia. I have a cute pink nose, spots on my fur, and a very strong bite – like a tiger, you might say!

I am a

# ZOO-DOKU

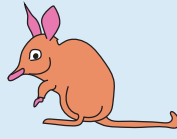


Fish

Kangaroo

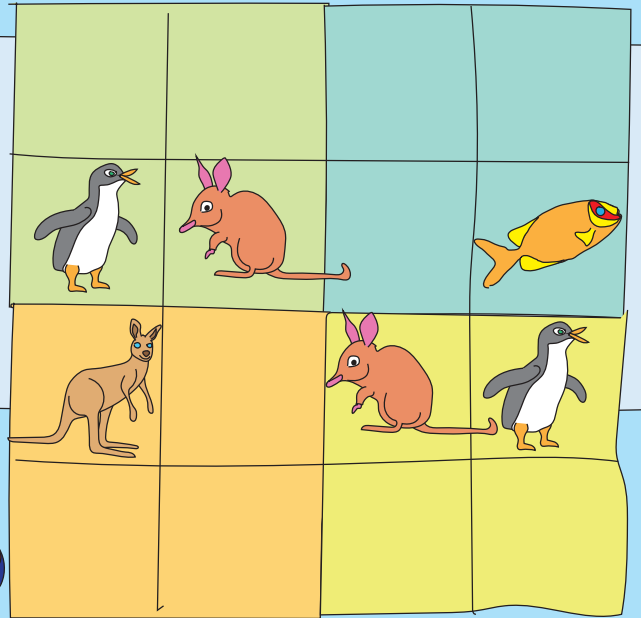


Penguin



Bilby

Fill in the grid using the animal pictures. When you finish, there should be only one of each picture in a row, a column, and a 4x4 grid.



# MARVELLOUS MENAGERIE!

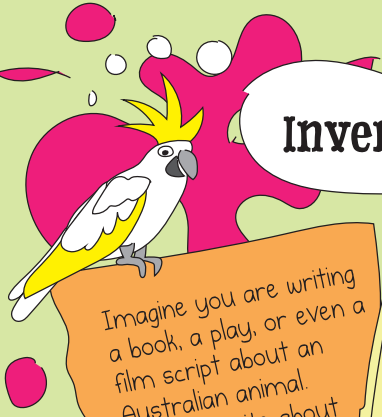
The explorers have packed a lot of souvenirs onto their ship! How many of each of these can you find? What are they called?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H



A - 4 Platypuses, B - 8 Plants, C - 5 Porcupinefish, D - 6 Cockatoos, E - 4 Echidnas, F - 7 Lizards, G - 3 Black Swans, H - 10 Seals

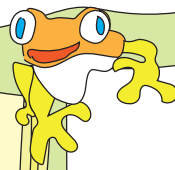
# Invent a story about your favourite Australian animal



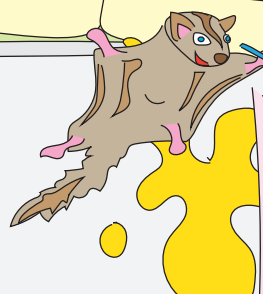
Imagine you are writing a book, a play, or even a film script about an Australian animal. Draw or write about your animal here.

My animal's  
Species name is

And this is a  
story called




Where would your story be set?




What's your animal's personality like? What do they dream of? What do they do for fun? Do they get into trouble sometimes?

What happens to your animal? Perhaps they are on a quest, maybe they lost something precious and need to find it, maybe they are facing a terrible day where everything goes wrong.



How does your animal solve their problem? What's the moral or message to your story?




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