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Level 5 – 14th February, 2022

Koala put on endangered species list

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220214-endangered-koala-5.html>

The cuddly koala is in danger. Animal lovers will be sad to hear that this lovable animal is now on the endangered species list. The Australian Koala Foundation estimates there are as few as 43,000 koalas left in the wild. Their numbers have been falling rapidly due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, and other threats. The World Wildlife Fund in Australia said: "Koalas have gone from no listing to vulnerable to endangered within a decade. That is a shockingly fast decline." It said that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction". It added stronger laws were needed to protect their forest homes.

The koala is important for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is a major draw for Australian zoos and wildlife parks....It benefited the national tourism industry by over an estimated billion Australian dollars in 1998, a figure that has since grown." Despite this, efforts to protect the koala have not been working. Australia's environment minister said there were "many pressures on the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and to disease". She said recent bushfires killed at least 6,400 of the animals, and these were "a tipping point".

Sources: <https://nypost.com/2022/02/11/koala-declared-endangered-as-disease-lost-habitat-take-toll/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The cuddly koala is in | a. their forest homes |
| 2. Animal lovers will be sad | b. habitat |
| 3. as few as 43,000 koalas | c. to hear that |
| 4. loss of | d. fast decline |
| 5. endangered within | e. left in the wild |
| 6. That is a shockingly | f. toward extinction |
| 7. koalas risk sliding | g. a decade |
| 8. laws were needed to protect | h. danger |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a major draw | a. point |
| 2. It benefited the national | b. grown |
| 3. a figure that has since | c. on the koala |
| 4. efforts to protect | d. killed at least 6,400 |
| 5. there were many pressures | e. the koala |
| 6. vulnerable to climate change | f. for Australian zoos |
| 7. recent bushfires | g. and to disease |
| 8. a tipping | h. tourism industry |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The cuddly koala (1) _____. Animal lovers will be sad to hear that (2) _____ is now on the endangered species list. The Australian Koala Foundation estimates there are as few as 43,000 koalas left (3) _____. Their numbers have been falling rapidly due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, (4) _____. The World Wildlife Fund in Australia said: "Koalas have gone from no listing to vulnerable to endangered (5) _____. That is a shockingly fast decline." It said that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction". It added stronger laws were (6) _____ their forest homes.

The koala is important for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is (7) _____ for Australian zoos and wildlife parks....It benefited the national tourism industry by (8) _____ billion Australian dollars in 1998, a figure that (9) _____." Despite this, efforts to protect the koala have not been working. Australia's environment minister said there were "(10) _____ the koala," and that it (11) _____ climate change and to disease". She said recent bushfires killed at least 6,400 of the animals, and these were "(12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KOALAS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220214-endangered-koala-4.html>

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) _____

