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Koala put on endangered species list

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THE ARTICLE

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

The koala is regarded as the epitome of cuddliness. However, animal lovers will be saddened to hear that this lovable marsupial has been moved to the endangered species list. The Australian Koala Foundation estimates there are somewhere between 43,000-100,000 koalas left in the wild. Their numbers have been dwindling rapidly due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, being hit by cars, and other threats. Stuart Blanch from 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." He added that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction" unless there are "stronger laws...to protect their forest homes".

The koala has huge cultural significance for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is a major draw for Australian zoos and wildlife parks. It has been featured in advertisements, games, cartoons, and as soft toys. 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 been failing. Australia's Environment Minister Sussan Ley said there have been "many pressures on the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and to disease". She said the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were "a tipping point".

Sources: <https://nypost.com/2022/02/11/koala-declared-endangered-as-disease-lost-habitat-take-toll/>
<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7616380/koalas-endangered-listing-a-national-failure-act-environment-minister-says/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koala>

WARM-UPS

1. KOALAS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about koalas. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

koala / epitome / cuddliness / marsupial / endangered / in the wild / disease / forest / Australia / worldwide / zoos / wildlife / cartoons / soft toys / vulnerable / bushfires

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ENDANGERED: Students A **strongly** believe the world needs to spend as much money as possible to prevent animals becoming endangered; Students B **strongly** believe we shouldn't spend loads of money. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: Which things have great cultural significance for your country? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Which Thing?	Why?
Animal		
Dance		
Song		
Food		
Book		
Sport		

5. SOFT TOY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "soft toy". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CUDDLY: Rank these with your partner. Put the cuddliest creatures at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Koala
- Polar bear
- Rabbit
- Baby
- Dog
- Cat
- Dolphin
- Horse

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. regarded | a. The state or process of dying or dying out as a species. |
| 2. epitome | b. Considered or thought of in a specified way. |
| 3. marsupial | c. A person or thing likely to cause damage or danger. |
| 4. dwindling | d. A person or thing that is a perfect example of a particular quality or type. |
| 5. threat | e. Going down in number. |
| 6. vulnerable | f. A mammal found mainly in Australia. The mothers carry her young in a pouch. |
| 7. extinction | g. In need of special care, support, or protection. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. significance | h. The quality of being worthy of attention; importance. |
| 9. draw | i. The time at which a series of small changes or incidents becomes significant enough to cause a larger, more important change. |
| 10. featured | j. A person or thing that is very attractive or interesting. |
| 11. estimated | k. A fire in a forest. |
| 12. figure | l. Be a significant characteristic of or take an important part in. |
| 13. bushfire | m. Roughly calculated or judged the value, number, quantity, or extent of. |
| 14. tipping point | n. A number, especially one which forms part of official statistics. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says koala epitomise cuddliness. **T / F**
2. There could be as few as 143,000 koalas left in the wild. **T / F**
3. Traffic accidents are one reason for the decline in koala numbers. **T / F**
4. The WWF says Australia needs stronger laws to protect koalas. **T / F**
5. Wikipedia says koalas can draw things. **T / F**
6. Koalas were worth a billion dollars to Australia's economy last year. **T / F**
7. An environment minister said protection efforts have been working. **T / F**
8. Deaths due to bushfires were a tipping point for the koala. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. regarded | a. attraction |
| 2. lovable | b. falling |
| 3. estimates | c. wiped out |
| 4. dwindling | d. reckons |
| 5. extinction | e. boosted |
| 6. draw | f. adorable |
| 7. benefited | g. in danger |
| 8. pressures | h. dying out |
| 9. vulnerable | i. considered |
| 10. killed | j. strains |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The koala is regarded as the epitome | a. to endangered |
| 2. animal lovers will be saddened | b. to climate change |
| 3. Their numbers have been dwindling | c. toward extinction |
| 4. gone from no listing to vulnerable | d. industry |
| 5. koalas risk sliding | e. of cuddliness |
| 6. cultural | f. Australian zoos |
| 7. a major draw for | g. rapidly |
| 8. It benefited the national tourism | h. point |
| 9. it is vulnerable | i. to hear that |
| 10. a tipping | j. significance |

GAP FILL

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

The koala is regarded as the (1) _____ of cuddliness. However, animal lovers will be saddened to hear that this (2) _____ marsupial has been moved to the endangered species list. The Australian Koala Foundation (3) _____ there are somewhere between 43,000-100,000 koalas left in the wild. Their numbers have been dwindling rapidly due to disease, loss of (4) _____, bushfires, being hit by cars, and other (5) _____. Stuart Blanch from the World Wildlife Fund in Australia said: "Koalas have gone from no listing to (6) _____ to endangered within a decade. That is a shockingly fast (7) _____. He added that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction" unless there are "stronger laws...to protect their (8) _____ homes".

vulnerable
epitome
forest
habitat
decline
lovable
threats
estimates

The koala has huge (9) _____ significance for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is a major (10) _____ for Australian zoos and wildlife parks. It has been featured in advertisements, games, cartoons, and as (11) _____ toys. It benefited the national tourism (12) _____ by over an estimated billion Australian dollars in 1998, a (13) _____ that has since grown." Despite this, efforts to protect the koala have been (14) _____. Australia's Environment Minister Sussan Ley said there have been "many (15) _____ on the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and to disease". She said the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were "a (16) _____ point".

soft
figure
cultural
pressures
industry
tipping
draw
failing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The koala is regarded as the _____
 - a. epitome of coldness
 - b. epitome of cuddly mess
 - c. epitome of cuddling mess
 - d. epitome of cuddliness
- 2) estimates there are somewhere between 43,000-100,000 koalas _____ wild
 - a. left in the
 - b. laughed in the
 - c. loft in the
 - d. lift in the
- 3) dwindling rapidly due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, being hit by cars, _____
 - a. and other treats
 - b. and other threatens
 - c. and other threat
 - d. and other threats
- 4) Koalas have gone from no listing to vulnerable to endangered _____
 - a. within a decadence
 - b. within a decades
 - c. within a decade
 - d. within a deck aid
- 5) "sliding toward extinction" unless there are "stronger laws...to protect _____"
 - a. their forest houses
 - b. their forest hones
 - c. their forest homes
 - d. their four rest homes
- 6) It has been featured in advertisements, games, cartoons, and _____
 - a. as tough toys
 - b. as toff toys
 - c. as soft toys
 - d. as sort toys
- 7) by over an estimated billion Australian dollars in 1998, a figure that _____
 - a. has since growth
 - b. has since growing
 - c. has since grown
 - d. has since growl
- 8) Despite this, efforts to protect the koala _____
 - a. have been feeling
 - b. have been foiling
 - c. have been felling
 - d. have been failing
- 9) that it is "vulnerable to climate change _____"
 - a. and two disease
 - b. and to disease
 - c. and too disease
 - d. and tooth disease
- 10) the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were " _____ "
 - a. a tipping point
 - b. a tip pin point
 - c. a tip ping point
 - d. a teepee point

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The koala (7) _____ significance for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is (8) _____ for Australian zoos and wildlife parks. It has been featured in advertisements, games, cartoons, and as soft toys. It benefited the national tourism industry by (9) _____ billion Australian dollars in 1998, a figure that (10) _____." Despite this, efforts to protect the koala have been failing. Australia's Environment Minister Sussan Ley said there have been "(11) _____ the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and to disease". She said the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were "(12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say koalas are the epitome of?
2. What is the most pessimistic estimate of the numbers of wild koalas?
3. What are koalas being hit by?
4. Within what timeframe have koalas gone from no listing to endangered?
5. What did the WWF say koalas are sliding towards?
6. What did Wikipedia say koalas were a major draw for?
7. When did koalas bring in a billion dollars for Australia?
8. What have efforts to protect koalas been doing?
9. Who is Sussan Ley?
10. What were recent bushfires that killed koalas described as?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say koalas are the epitome of?
 - a) danger
 - b) cuddliness
 - c) Australia
 - d) cute
- 2) What is the most pessimistic estimate of the numbers of wild koalas?
 - a) 143,000
 - b) 48,000
 - c) 43,000
 - d) 100,000
- 3) What are koalas being hit by?
 - a) people
 - b) tree branches
 - c) rocks
 - d) cars
- 4) Within what timeframe have koalas gone from no listing to endangered?
 - a) 15 years
 - b) 10 years
 - c) 25 years
 - d) 20 years
- 5) What did the WWF say koalas are sliding towards?
 - a) extinction
 - b) the ground
 - c) rock pools
 - d) other eucalyptus trees
- 6) What did Wikipedia say koalas were a major draw for?
 - a) Australian zoos and wildlife parks
 - b) safari parks
 - c) zoos all over the world
 - d) trips into the Aussie bush
- 7) When did koalas bring in a billion dollars for Australia?
 - a) 2018
 - b) 2008
 - c) 1988
 - d) 1998
- 8) What have efforts to protect koalas been doing?
 - a) absolutely nothing
 - b) improving things
 - c) failing
 - d) increasing deaths
- 9) Who is Sussan Ley?
 - a) an expert on marsupials
 - b) Australia's Minister for Koalas
 - c) a WWF bigwig
 - d) Australia's Environment Minister
- 10) What were recent bushfires that killed koalas described as?
 - a) hot
 - b) a tipping point
 - c) fiery
 - d) a furnace

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Koala

You think a koala is the cuddliest creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as cuddly. Also, tell the others which is the least cuddly of these (and why): rabbit, a dolphin or a horse.

Role B – Rabbit

You think a rabbit is the cuddliest creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as cuddly. Also, tell the others which is the least cuddly of these (and why): koala, a dolphin or a horse.

Role C – Dolphin

You think a dolphin is the cuddliest creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as cuddly. Also, tell the others which is the least cuddly of these (and why): rabbit, koala or a horse.

Role D – Horse

You think a horse is the cuddliest creature. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as cuddly. Also, tell the others which is the least cuddly of these (and why): rabbit, a dolphin or koala.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'koala' and 'endangered'.

koala	endangered
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• epitome• estimates• rapidly• cars• decade• sliding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• huge• zoos• industry• protect• change• point
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KOALAS SURVEY

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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.

KOALAS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'koala'?
3. What do you know about koalas?
4. What do you know about other Australian marsupials?
5. How cuddly do you think koalas are?
6. How can we save the koala?
7. Why are so many animals on endangered species lists?
8. What three adjectives best describe this story?
9. How would you feel if the koala became extinct?
10. What laws are needed to protect koalas?

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KOALAS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'endangered'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of koalas?
15. What are the world's cuddliest creatures?
16. What animals are culturally significant in your country?
17. What do you think of zoos?
18. What can you do to help protect koalas?
19. What will the state of wildlife be in 50 years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask koala experts?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) regarded | (b) regarding | (c) regards | (d) regard |
| 2. | (a) loves | (b) lovey | (c) lovable | (d) lover |
| 3. | (a) where | (b) sometime | (c) somewhere | (d) someone |
| 4. | (a) lost | (b) loser | (c) lose | (d) loss |
| 5. | (a) vulnerable | (b) culpable | (c) venerable | (d) generable |
| 6. | (a) though | (b) unless | (c) meanwhile | (d) utmost |
| 7. | (a) breathe in | (b) sketch | (c) tie | (d) draw |
| 8. | (a) estimation | (b) estimated | (c) estimate | (d) esteem |
| 9. | (a) growth | (b) grows | (c) grown | (d) growing |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) in | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) bush firing | (b) bushel fires | (c) bushy fires | (d) bushfires |
| 12. | (a) tapping | (b) tipping | (c) tepid | (d) topping |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. regarded as the oipeemt of cuddliness
2. this lovable uasilmpar
3. Their numbers have been igdnIndwi
4. due to disease, loss of tbaiath, bushfires...
5. valerulneb to endangered
6. koalas risk sliding toward totniexicn

Paragraph 2

7. huge cultural sceigiafnnci
8. It has been rfeudeta in advertisements
9. It beeefntid the national tourism industry
10. an estmdatie billion Australian dollars
11. there have been many useepssrr on the koala
12. a iigppnt point

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to protect the koala have been failing. Australia's Environment Minister Sussan Ley said
- () decline." He added that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction" unless there are "stronger laws...to protect their forest homes".
- () there are somewhere between 43,000-100,000 koalas left in the wild. Their numbers have been
- () hear that this lovable marsupial has been moved to the endangered species list. The Australian Koala Foundation estimates
- () and to disease". She said the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were "a tipping point".
- () known worldwide and is a major draw for Australian zoos and wildlife parks. It has been featured in
- () there have been "many pressures on the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change
- () advertisements, games, cartoons, and as soft toys. It benefited the national tourism industry by
- () dwindling rapidly due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, being hit by cars, and
- () from no listing to vulnerable to endangered within a decade. That is a shockingly fast
- () other threats. Stuart Blanch from the World Wildlife Fund in Australia said: "Koalas have gone
- () over an estimated billion Australian dollars in 1998, a figure that has since grown." Despite this, efforts
- () The koala has huge cultural significance for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well
- (**1**) The koala is regarded as the epitome of cuddliness. However, animal lovers will be saddened to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. as epitome regarded of cuddliness . Koalas are the
2. will to be saddened hear lovers Animal this .
3. rapidly disease . due dwindling have been Numbers to
4. listing from Koalas gone no have to vulnerable .
5. koalas sliding that He toward risk extinction . added
6. Australia . koala significance cultural has huge for The
7. zoos . are Australian for a draw Koalas major
8. been protect failing . koala Efforts the have to
9. pressures have been koala . There many the on
10. bushfires tipping She the a point . were said

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The koala is *regarding* / *regarded* as the epitome of cuddliness. However, animal *loves* / *lovers* will be saddened to hear that this lovable marsupial has been moved to the endangered *species* / *specials* list. The Australian Koala Foundation estimates there are *sometime* / *somewhere* between 43,000-100,000 koalas left *in* / *on* the wild. Their numbers have been dwindling rapidly due to disease, *loss* / *lost* of habitat, bushfires, being hit by cars, and other *threats* / *treats*. Stuart Blanch from the World Wildlife Fund in Australia said: "Koalas have gone from no listing to vulnerable to endangered *wither* / *within* a decade. That is a shockingly fast *incline* / *decline*." He added that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction" *unless* / *though* there are "stronger laws...to protect their forest homes".

The koala has huge *culture* / *cultural* significance for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is a major *tie* / *draw* for Australian zoos and wildlife parks. It has been *fractured* / *featured* in advertisements, games, cartoons, and *was* / *as* soft toys. It benefited the national tourism industry by over *an* / *the* estimated billion Australian dollars in 1998, a figure that has since *grown* / *growth*." Despite this, efforts to protect the koala have been *failing* / *fallen*. Australia's Environment Minister Sussan Ley said there have been "many pressures *on* / *in* the koala," and that it is "vulnerable *to* / *on* climate change and to disease". She said the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were "a *tipping* / *tapping* point".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ k__l_ _s r_g_r_d_d _s th_ _p_t_m_ _f c_ddl_n_ss.
H_w_v_r, _n_m_l l_v_rs w_ll b_ s_dd_n_d t_ h__r th_t
th_s l_v_bl_ m_rs_p__l h_s b__n m_v_d t_ th_
_nd_ng_r_d sp_c__s l_st. Th_ __str_l__n K__l_
F__nd_t__n _st_m_t_s th_r_ _r_ s_m_wh_r_ b_tw__n
43,000-100,000 k__l_s l_ft _n th_ w_ld. Th__r n_mb_rs
h_v_ b__n dw_ndl_ng r_p_dly d__ t_ d_s__s_, l_ss _f
h_b_t_t, b_shf_r_s, b__ng h_t by c_rs, _nd _th_r
thr__ts. St__rt Bl_nch fr_m th_ W_rld W_ldl_f_ F_nd
_n __str_l__ s__d: "K__l_s h_v_ g_n_ fr_m n_ l_st_ng
t_ v_ln_r_bl_ t_ _nd_ng_r_d w_th_n_ _ d_c_d_. Th_t _s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

the koala is regarded as the epitome of cuddliness however animal lovers will be saddened to hear that this lovable marsupial has been moved to the endangered species list the australian koala foundation estimates there are somewhere between 43000100000 koalas left in the wild their numbers have been dwindling rapidly due to disease loss of habitat bushfires being hit by cars and other threats stuart blanch from 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 he added that koalas risk sliding toward extinction unless there are stronger laws to protect their forest homes

the koala has huge cultural significance for australia wikipedia writes the koala is well known worldwide and is a major draw for australian zoos and wildlife parks it has been featured in advertisements games cartoons and as soft toys 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 been failing australian's environment minister susan ley said there have been many pressures on the koala and that it is vulnerable to climate change and to disease she said the 2019/2020 bushfires which killed at least 6400 of the animals were a tipping point

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The koala is regarded as the epitome of cuddliness. However, animal lovers will be saddened to hear that this lovable marsupial has been moved to the endangered species list. The Australian Koala Foundation estimates there are somewhere between 43,000-100,000 koalas left in the wild. Their numbers have been dwindling rapidly due to disease, loss of habitat, bushfires, being hit by cars, and other threats. Stuart Blanch from the World Wildlife Fund in Australia said: "Koalas have gone from not listing to vulnerable to endangered within a decade. That is a shockingly fast decline." He added that koalas risk "sliding toward extinction" unless there are "stronger laws... to protect their forest homes". The koala has huge cultural significance for Australia. Wikipedia writes: "The koala is well known worldwide and is a major draw for Australian zoos and wildlife parks. It has been featured in advertisements, games, cartoons, and soft toys. 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 been failing. Australia's Environment Minister Sussan Ley said there have been "many pressures on the koala," and that it is "vulnerable to climate change and disease". She said the 2019-2020 bushfires, which killed at least 6,400 of the animals, were "a tipping point".

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. KOALAS: Make a poster about koalas. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SAVE THE KOALA: Write a magazine article about the whole world helping to save koalas. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on koalas. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to save the koala. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. f	3. d	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. e	8. j	9. g	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Cuddliness
- 43,000
- Cars
- A decade
- Extinction
- Australian zoos and wildlife parks
- 1998
- Failing
- Australia's Environment Minister
- A tipping point

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Koalas are regarded as the epitome of cuddliness.
- Animal lovers will be saddened to hear this.
- Numbers have been dwindling rapidly due to disease.
- Koalas have gone from no listing to vulnerable.
- He added that koalas risk sliding toward extinction.
- The koala has huge cultural significance for Australia.
- Koalas are a major draw for Australian zoos.
- Efforts to protect the koala have been failing.
- There have been many pressures on the koala.
- She said the bushfires were a tipping point.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)