

Koala Bare

By Jackie French & Illustrated by Matt Shanks

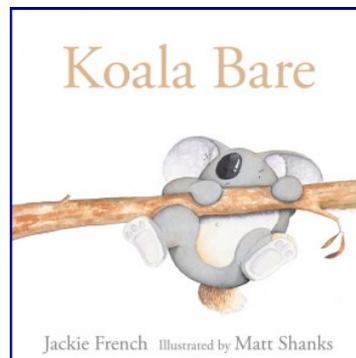
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For too long koalas have been called 'bears'.
But this koala is out to prove to the world that he is BARE!
And that never, ever, ever can a koala be called a bear ...

From the internationally renowned author of the bestselling Diary of a Wombat comes a hilariously funny picture book that Jackie French has created with talented new illustrator Matt Shanks.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Bears
- Koalas
- Fact and Fiction

Discussion Questions & Activities:

Read the title: Koala Bare.

- What do you think the book might be about? Look carefully at the word 'bare' – discuss.
- What do you know about koalas? Brainstorm knowledge onto the board.

Pages 1 & 2:

- What are the different bears you can see on these pages? Why do you think koala wants the label off his toe?

Pages 9 & 10:

- What is a bare koala? How is that different to a koala bear?

Pages 11 & 12:

- What are the two words that rhyme on these pages? What does it mean to feel superior? What is a posterior?

Pages 15 & 16:

- Do all bears live in the same place? Where does a polar bear live? Where does a grizzly bear live? Discuss the word habitat. What is a koala's habitat?

Pages 20 & 21:

- What does it mean to hibernate?

Pages 22 to 25:

- What type of bears is Koala Bare talking about on these pages? Are these real bears or imaginative bears? Can you name them?

Let's Compare Table!

- Allow the children to list/draw all the bears they saw in the story on the left side of the table, keeping only the koala on the right. (See Worksheet 1). Ask children to sit in small groups and discuss what it is that is different about each of these bears to a koala. For example: food, activity, home etc. Write these in the middle column.

Mini Information Reports - Fact and Fiction.

- Children create two mini information reports. Discuss what a report is for... and how it is to inform others. The first mini report is on a real bear. Children use texts from the library or online information to gather facts. The second mini report is on one of their teddy bears that they bring from home.
- Discuss the difference between fact and fiction. Talk about the purpose of information text and the use of imagination. How did Jackie French use both of these within her story, KOALA BARE? (Fact & Fiction worksheets are attached).