

Animal- Compare and Contrast

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Read about your animal out loud to your partner. Then use facts from the text and illustrations to compare and contrast the two animals. After reading highlight the **BOLD** words.

Koala Bears

Koala Bears are not bears at all. They are **marsupials**. A marsupial is a **mammal with a pouch**. They **give birth** to **one baby** at a time and the baby **lives in the pouch drinking milk** for about **six months**. That baby **cannot see** when it is born.

The **sharp claws** help the koala to **climb** and live in a tree. They **eat** the **leaves** from the **eucalyptus tree** in **warm Australia**.

The **fur** on the koala is light **brown** with a **white belly**. They have **no tail**.

Koalas have **big ears** and **noses**. Their noses help them **find food** and their big ears keep them **safe** from other animals.



Polar Bears

Polar bears are **mammals**. A mammal has **fur, live babies**, and the **babies drink milk from the mother**. Mother polar bears give birth to **two cubs** in the winter. The babies cannot see or hear so they stay in the **den, (snow cave)**.

Polar bears live in the **Arctic**. It is very **cold** and has **snow** and **ice** there. They **hunt** for **seals** that come up from the water to get air.

This Arctic bear has **black skin** and **fur** that looks white but is **clear**. Sometimes their fur looks yellow because of the fat from the seal they eat.

The **claws** of bears are very **sharp** and help it to **walk on ice** and **hunt**. They have a **small tail** and **ears** to help keep them warm.

