

# Information report.

**Information reports** give generalised information about a subject, usually an entire class of thing (such as koalas, countries, celebrations etc).

Information reports consist of a statement to identify the subject of the report and expanded descriptions of various aspects of the topic. These descriptions can be organised under headings.

## Characteristics of information texts, they:

- are written in mostly **objective** language.
- are usually written in **past tense**.
- contain **dependent clauses** to express important information and detail.
- have **topic-specific vocabulary** and technical language.

This example of an information text aligns with the Australian Curriculum: English and Science, and the C2C: English Year 2 Unit 5.

It is a useful resource to demonstrate the progression of writing when composing an information report in science.

# Koalas.

Koalas are animals.

## Description

Koalas are so cute. They have grey fur. The babies are called joeys. They live in a pouch. They sleep a lot. They are awake at night.

## Habitat

They live in Australia.

## Diet

They eat gum leaves.

## Koalas.

Koalas are **native Australian** animals.

### Description

Koalas **are described as** cute. Their fur is **grey or grey brown**. Their babies are called joeys. They live in **the mother's** pouch. Koalas are awake at night. They sleep **up to 18 hours a day**.

### Habitat

Koalas **live on the east coast of** Australia. They spend most of their time in gum trees.

### Diet

Koalas eat gum leaves. **They only like certain types.**

## Koalas.

Koalas are native Australian animals.

### Description

Koalas are described as cute. Their fur is grey or grey brown. Their babies are called joeys **and** live in the mother's pouch. They are awake at night **and** sleep up to 18 hours a day.

### Habitat

Koalas live on the east coast of Australia **and** spend most of their time in gum trees.

### Diet

Koalas eat gum leaves **but** only like certain types.

# Koalas

Koalas are native Australian animals.

## Description

Koalas are described as cute. Their fur is grey or grey brown.

Koalas **are a special type of mammal called marsupials**. **Young koalas** are called joeys and live in the mother's pouch.

They are **nocturnal** and sleep up to 18 hours a day.

## Habitat

Koalas live in **eucalyptus forests** on the east coast of Australia and spend most of their time in gum trees.

## Diet

Koalas are **herbivores**. They only eat **eucalyptus** leaves but **prefer** certain types.

## Koalas

Koalas are native Australian animals. **They have many unique characteristics.**

### Description

Koalas are **often** described as cute. Their fur is grey or grey brown, **depending on where they live.**

Koalas are a special type of mammal called marsupials. **Marsupials carry their young in pouches and feed them milk.** Young koalas are called joeys, **just like kangaroos and wombats.**

### Habitat

Koalas live in eucalyptus forests on the east coast of Australia and spend most of their time in gum trees.

### Diet

Koalas are herbivores. They only eat eucalyptus leaves but prefer certain types. **Gum leaves do not provide much energy,** so koalas sleep up to 18 hours a day. They are nocturnal, **or mainly active at night.**

**I can write about the topic in simple sentences.**



**I can use headings to organise the information.**



**I can use nouns and noun groups to add specific detail to facts and information.**



**I can use objective language to write about the topic.**



**I can write compound sentences using conjunctions to combine information and ideas.**



**I can use specific vocabulary and technical language to describe and explain the topic.**



**I can explain the meaning of technical terms and vocabulary to assist the reader make meaning.**



**I can use information from various sources to add expert detail to the information report.**





This is basic level writing.

The writer has written about the topic in mostly simple, everyday language.



This is basic level writing.

The writer uses headings to organise the information



By adding **nouns and noun groups** the writer adds specific detail and description.



When writing information reports writers use **objective language** to describe the topic.



Use **conjunctions** (such as 'and', 'but' and 'so') to link ideas and information and write compound sentences.



Using **specific vocabulary** and **technical language** to describe and explain the topic, helps the writer create a 'knowledgeable' voice.



Expert writers **explain the meaning** of technical terms and language to assist readers to make meaning.



Expert writers **link information** from a range of sources to provide a detailed report on a topic.

