

A Kenning poem describe something without saying exactly what it is. The lines are usually 2 words long – either a noun and a verb 2 nouns together. Eg a dog could be described as a ball chaser or ankle biter!

Koala facts

Koala's have grey fur and sharp claws. They live in Eucalyptus trees and eat the leaves. Koala's sleep for about 18 hours a day. They are marsupials which means they carry their young in a pouch at the front of their body.



This example shows how the facts can be turned into a Kennings poem.

Koala

Tree climber
Fur, claws
Sleepy snoozers
Baby carriers
Eucalyptus eater



Task 1: Use some of these facts to write your own Kennings poem about Australia. If you prefer you could write one about an Australian animal or landmark.

Australia is home to many animal species. In fact, Australia houses more than 10% of the world's biodiversity (animals and plant varieties).
Among the most well-known Australian animals are kangaroos, wombats, koalas and the dingos.

More than two thirds of the country is desert, called the 'outback'.
Even though there's heaps and heaps of desert, there are rainforests too.

Have you heard of the Great Barrier Reef? Well it's the biggest coral reef in the world.
The tropical northern Australia is home to the world's largest species of salt water crocodiles.
They can grow as big as 22ft (6.7m). Don't go walking there alone.

Certainly the largest island in the world.
It is rather large at 4,779,602 square miles (7,692,024 km²).
If you had to fly from Perth to Brisbane, it would take about 5 hours. This makes it 22 times bigger than the UK.
Wow!

The country's coastline is 22,292 miles long (35,877 km) and they have over 10,000 beaches.
Their coastline spans three oceans which covers about 7,456,454 square miles (12,000,000km²)! That's humongous