

Unit 3 – Wildlife

VOCABULARY

Animals

a tiger
a frog
a seal
a panda
a rhinoceros
a caribou
a rat
a dog

Animal characteristics

scientific name
family
habitat
colour
weight
diet
life span
population

Bird words

a parrot
a kiwi
a chick
a wing
an egg
a nest
to hatch
to lay an egg

Plants

a root
a fruit
a seed
a flower
a leaf / leaves

Dimensions

It **weighs** 3 kg. (verb)
It is 3 kg **in weight**. (noun)

It is 30 cm **long**. (adjective)
It is 30 cm **in length**. (noun)

Adjective

long
high
deep
wide

Noun

length
height
depth
width

But when we describe people, we use the word *tall*, not *high*.
She is 178 cm **tall**.

For things and for animals you can also use the verb *measure*.
It **measures** 30 cm **in height**.
(*measures* = verb, *height* = noun)

It **measures** 60 cm **in length**.

GRAMMAR

Ability

Use *can* and *can't* to describe abilities.
Penguins **can** swim, but they **can't** fly.
Can you swim? > Yes, I **can**. / No, I **can't**.

Questions

Word order in questions: (question word) + **auxiliary verb** + subject + verb ...
Do koalas live in Australia?
What **do** koalas eat?
Where **does** the platypus live?

Short answers

Use the auxiliary verb in short answers.

Can you speak French? Yes, I **can** / No, I **can't**.

Can parrots fly? Yes, they **can**.

Can penguins fly? No, they **can't**.

Do you live in Europe? Yes, I **do**. / No, I **don't**.

Does Valerie like her job? Yes, she **does**. / No, she **doesn't**.

Remember, the verb *be* has no auxiliary. Use the same form of *be* in short answers to questions with *be*.

Are you English? Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm not.

Is Bob at work? Yes, he **is**. / No, he **isn't**.

Articles

When we are speaking generally, we can say:

The **koala** can climb trees. (singular)

or:

Koalas can climb trees. (plural)

but not:

~~The koalas can climb trees.~~

USEFUL PHRASES

Computer specifications

weight

screen size

memory

hard drive size

price

Asking about specifications

How big is it?

How heavy is it?

How much does it weigh?

How much does it measure in length?

How long is it?

How high is it?

How wide is it?

Saying numbers

3.5 = three point five

35 = thirty-five

305 = three hundred and five

3,500 = three thousand five

hundred

35, 000 = thirty-five thousand

Equations

+ = plus

- = minus

x = times

= = equals