

Primary Worksheets: Quokka



The Quokka is a small mammal that is about the same size of a large cat. It lives on some small islands off the coast of Australia. Quokkas are often called the happiest animal on Earth because of their big grin.

It looks like a very small, fat kangaroo, but it can climb trees and shrubs. It has rough brown fur, with rounded ears and a short, broad head. It weighs between 2.5kg and 5kg and can be 50cm long with a 30cm tail.



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Quokkas are socialable animals and live in large groups. They are not scared of people, making it possible to take a picture with them up close!

It is against the law to touch or handle the animal in any way. They can become very sick if fed foods like bread, so visitors of the island are told not to feed them.

On the offshore islands of Australia, there are a lot of Quokkas. But, on the mainland, they can be attacked by other animals. Farming has cleared much of the land that Quokkas live in, making their species threatened.



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Quokkas like to live close to fresh water and in swamps. As long as they can find some shade and plenty of grass, they will be able to live in that area. It likes to eat grass and small plants.

Quokkas are nocturnal, meaning that they wake up at night when it is cooler. They can often be found napping in the shade during the day.

They make tunnels through tall grass so they can move about quickly without being seen. They can be seen climbing trees, looking for food like leaves and fruit.



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Answer the questions.

What is a quokka?

What are they famous for?

What can we not do with quokkas?



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Answer the questions.

Where do quokkas like to live?

What do they look like?

