

BIZARRE BEHAVIOUR

1. KOALAS NEVER DRINK. FALSE

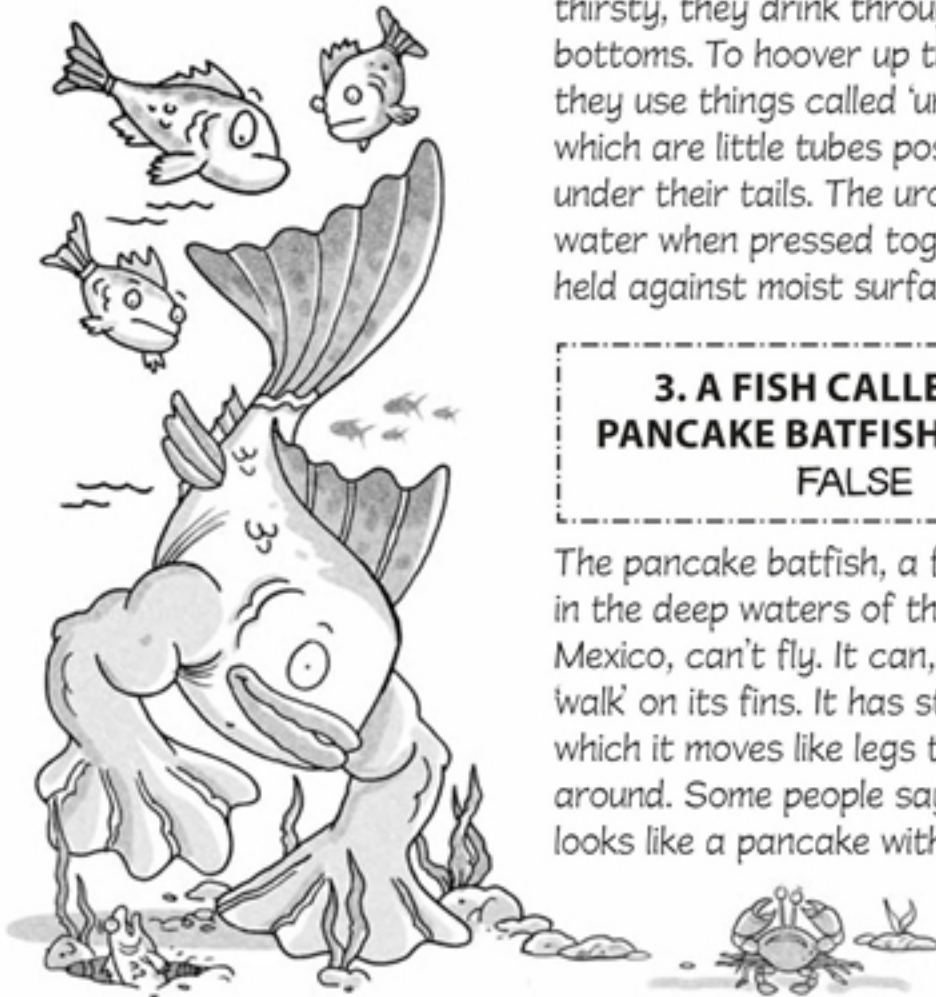
'Koala' is an ancient, native Australian word meaning 'no drink'. However, koalas do occasionally take a sip of water, but they get most of their water from the leaves they eat. Their favourite leafy snack is the leaves of eucalyptus trees.

2. WOODLICE DRINK THROUGH THEIR BOTTOMS. TRUE

Woodlice take in some water with their food, but when they are really thirsty, they drink through their bottoms. To Hoover up the water, they use things called 'uropods', which are little tubes positioned under their tails. The uropods suck up water when pressed together and held against moist surfaces.

3. A FISH CALLED THE PANCAKE BATFISH CAN FLY. FALSE

The pancake batfish, a fish that lives in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, can't fly. It can, however, 'walk' on its fins. It has stubby fins which it moves like legs to hop around. Some people say the batfish looks like a pancake with feet.



4. AN ANT NEVER SLEEPS FALSE

Actually ants do sleep, but the ants in a colony never all sleep at the same time. They take it in turns so that there are always some awake to protect the nest. Ants take hundreds of short naps - as many as 250 a day - for about one minute at a time. The queen ant, on the other hand, gets luxury royal treatment, and sleeps for up to nine hours a day.