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Koalas: The Leaf-Eating Marsupials

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Koalas eat a limited diet because they are adapted to digest eucalyptus leaves.
2. Koalas need eucalyptus forests to survive since that is where their food grows.
3. If eucalyptus trees disappeared, koalas would lose their main food source and face extinction.
4. Their special stomach breaks down toxins in eucalyptus leaves, making them safe to eat.

