

# Why Koala Has A Stumpy Tail

Narrator 1	Narrator 2	Tree Kangaroo*
Narrator 3	Narrator 4	Koala*

\*Parts with more lines

**Narrator 1:** Long ago, Koala and Tree Kangaroo were good friends. Back then, Koala had a long, furry tail. This is the story of how Koala came to have a stumpy tail.

**Narrator 2:** One year, there was no rain. All the streams dried up. Water could not be found anywhere.

**Tree Kangaroo:** Even the leaves on the trees are dying.

**Koala:** We will die too if it does not rain soon.

**Tree Kangaroo:** I have an idea. When I was little, there was a very dry season. To find water, my mother dug a hole in a dry stream bed. She dug and dug for hours.

**Koala:** And did she find water?

**Tree Kangaroo:** Yes! Water began to fill the bottom of the hole. There wasn't a lot of water but there was enough for both of us to have a good drink.

**Koala:** Let's try that! I can't wait to taste the cool water.

**Narrator 3:** Koala and Tree Kangaroo went to a streambed. It was dry as the desert.

**Koala:** I'm tired and thirsty. You start digging while I rest in this tree. As soon as I get my strength back, I'll dig while you rest.

**Narrator 4:** Tree Kangaroo began to dig. It was hard work but the thought of the cool water kept him going. When Tree Kangaroo took a break and looked up, Koala was sound asleep.

**Tree Kangaroo:** Hmm, when Koala wakes up he will be well rested. Then he can take his turn.

**Narrator 1:** So Tree Kangaroo kept on digging. Eventually, Koala woke up.

**Tree Kangaroo:** Now it's your turn Koala. You must do your part.

**Narrator 2:** Koala began to climb down the tree.

**Koala:** Ouch! I just got a thorn in my foot. You keep digging while I get it out.

**Narrator 3:** So Tree Kangaroo kept on digging. The hole got deeper and deeper, but still there was no water.

**Tree Kangaroo:** Koala! I am worn out. I need a break.

**Koala:** Oh I am dizzy from the lack of water, I must rest a little longer.

**Narrator 4:** Tree Kangaroo was getting mad, but he kept on digging. At last, some water appeared.

**Tree Kangaroo:** Koala, Koala! It worked! Water is slowly filling the hole. Soon there will be enough for both of us.

**Narrator 1:** When Koala heard this, he jumped down from his resting place and rushed to the hole.

**Narrator 2:** Koala pushed Tree Kangaroo out of his way, and started gulping down the water.

**Tree Kangaroo:** Hey, save some for me!

**Narrator 3:** But Koala kept on drinking, and drinking, and drinking. Tree Kangaroo grabbed Koala's tail to pull him out of the hole. He yanked and yanked. At last, Koala's tail broke off.

**Koala:** Oh no my tail!

**Narrator 4:** To this day, Koala's tail is short and stumpy. And because Koala was selfish, he also lost a good friend.