

# Where do koalas come from?

In Module 1, you learnt a simple way of saying where people are from using *dari* (from).

For example:

*Saya dari Australia.*

I am from Australia.

*Anda dari Indonesia.*

You are from Indonesia.

A more specific way of saying where someone or something is from is to use the structure *berasal dari*. The verb *berasal* means 'to originate'.

For example:

*Koala berasal dari Australia.*

Koalas come from Australia.

*Nenek moyang saya berasal dari Irlandia.*

My ancestors come from Ireland.

While in many instances it is acceptable to omit *berasal*, choosing to use it gives a definite focus on *the origins* of the person or thing being referred to. You will see or hear *berasal dari* used in scientific contexts where the origins of certain animals are discussed as in Learning Object 2 'At the Zoo' or when people refer to the country of origin of their ancestors as in the example above.

*Berasal dari* can be used for people, flora and fauna, and objects.

For example:

*Kakek saya berasal dari Jerman.*

My grandfather is from Germany.

*Pohon Eucalyptus berasal dari Australia.*

Eucalyptus trees are from Australia.

*Komodo berasal dari Indonesia.*

Komodo dragons are from Indonesia.

*Kembang api berasal dari Cina.*

Fireworks were invented in China.

## Exercises



1. You and your friend are working on a presentation about some of the animals you saw in Learning Object 2, 'At the Zoo'. Here is your final draft.

Refer back to Learning Object 2 and double check that the information concerning each animal's place of origin is accurate.

If so, put a tick in the box. If not, rewrite the information giving the correct place of origin.



a)

*Ini panda. Panda ini besar. Panda ini berasal dari Eropa.*



b)

*Ini anjing laut. Anjing laut lucu. Anjing laut berasal dari Antarktika.*



c)

*Ini gajah. Gajah ini besar. Gajah berasal dari Amerika Selatan.*



d)

*Ini kura - kura. Kura - kura ini berasal dari Cina.*

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- e) Ini kanguru. Kanguru ini berwarna coklat.  
Kanguru ini berasal dari Australia.
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- f) Ini harimau. Harimau ini bergaris hitam.  
Harimau ini berasal dari Tasmania.
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2. Read the 'Countries of Origin' list below. Then write where certain things come from by answering the questions in complete Indonesian sentences.

Example:

- Musik jazz berasal dari mana?
- Musik jazz berasal dari Amerika.

Countries of Origin:

Amerika Cina Selandia Baru Australia Jerman Indonesia Jepang

- a) *Pokemon* berasal dari mana?
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- b) *Mobil BMW* berasal dari mana?
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- c) *Burung Kiwi* berasal dari mana?
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- d) *Seni Batik* berasal dari mana?
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- e) *Kue Lamington* berasal dari mana?
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f) *Kembang api berasal dari mana?*

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Vocabulary:

*burung*

a bird

*seni*

art

*kue*

cake

*kembang api*

fireworks

*batik*

a type of art where wax and coloured dyes are used on cotton fabric