

# ALPACA 101

Top things to learn from  
the Australian Alpaca.

Design your own alpaca using coloured  
pens or real fleece!

My Alpaca is called:  
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#1

## We're all different

Alpaca come in two different breeds and 16 different colours of wool, including white, grey & black, and everything else from chocolate to cream to caramel & spotty pappaloosas!



#2

## Respect your elders

Alpaca came from South America, where they have been producing wool for people for over 5,000 years. Those alpaca really know what they're doing – alpaca wool is soft, light and warm, perfect for making all kinds of clothing and blankets.

## Every Cloud has a Silver Lining...

... and especially if it's a floaty cloud of super-soft alpaca fleece! Alpaca get shorn once a year, and their wool is prized for its softness, lightness and warmth. Alpaca fleece gets made into everything from clothes to blankets and even insulation.

#3



#4

## There's no place like home

Alpacas come from far away, but they look after their new home here very well. They have soft feet rather than hooves, and gentle grazing & water habits that are very kind to Australia's delicate soils.

## Don't be greedy

Alpaca eat sensibly. They are light eaters and prefer rougher graze. They don't damage soils by tugging out grasses, instead nibbling along the tops.

#5

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## WORD SEARCH...

All words listed below appear in the puzzle - horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backwards.

ALPACA	CRIA	GRAZING	SHINY	SCARVES
AUSTRALIA	CRIMP	HERDGUARDS	SILKY	SMOOTH
BIRTH	DAYTIME	HUACAYA	JUMPER	SOFT
CAMELID	FARMERS	HUM	MILK	SURI
CARPET	FLEECE	SHEARING	PADDOCK	WETHERS

H	T	O	O	M	S	K	D	C	H	D	D	H
T	R	W	M	A	C	C	A	G	R	Y	Y	P
R	F	H	E	O	G	R	A	Z	I	N	G	A
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B	Y	D	S	E	H	D	L	M	V	P	R	P
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P	C	L	N	G	N	I	R	A	E	H	S	C
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K	S	E	A	E	I	C	A	M	E	L	I	D
Y	C	F	O	L	F	A	Z	E	S	L	R	C
E	R	E	P	M	U	J	U	A	K	H	N	T

## Be kind to others

#6

Alpaca live together as herd animals and look after each other all the time. They can even adopt other species like chickens, sheep, goats or geese, and care for them as well.



#7

## Children should be seen and not heard



Adult Alpaca have lots of special sounds, and some can be quite loud and surprising. But mothers and baby "cria" communicate with gentle humming sounds in their own, special, quiet language.

## It's ok to spit on boys!

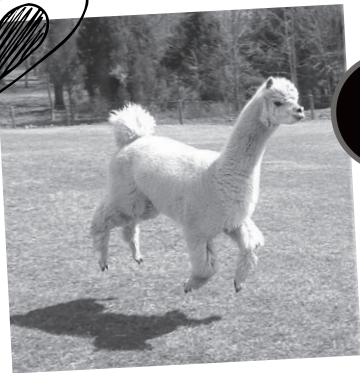
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Really it is!... but **only** if you're a female Alpaca. Alpaca generally don't spit unless provoked, but a pregnant female alpaca will spit on any males she meets. Farmers have used this unique test for centuries.



#9

## Dance like nobody's watching



"**Pronking**" is Alpaca for parkour. They dance and turn for the pure joy of it when they are very happy. It's great exercise, and a lot of fun to watch!

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## Keep calm and wear Alpaca

#10

Alpaca wool is renowned for its softness, weightless warmth & durability. Alpaca are shorn annually and their wool is a high quality, eco-friendly option for everything from clothing to blankets, insulation, footwear and more.



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