



Kangaroos — Big Jumpers of Australia

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A kangaroo is a big animal that lives in a country called Australia. It has two small front legs and two very big back **legs**. A kangaroo cannot walk like a dog or a cat. Instead, it likes to **jump!** When it jumps, it can fly very far over the **land**.

Kangaroos have **strong** back **legs**. These **strong** legs help them **jump** high and run away from danger. A kangaroo also has a long, thick **tail**. The **tail** helps the kangaroo stand up and keep its body still. When a kangaroo sits, it uses its **tail** like a third leg.

Most kangaroos **eat grass** and other green plants. They like to **eat** in the morning and at night when it is not too hot. It does not need much water because the green **grass** gives it water too.

A mother kangaroo has a special **pocket** on her body. We call this **pocket** a pouch. A **baby** kangaroo is called a joey. The **baby** joey is very small when it is born. It lives inside its **mother's pocket** for many months, where it is warm and safe.

The **mother** kangaroo takes very good care of her **baby**. The joey drinks milk and grows bigger in the **pocket**. Soon it can put its head out and **eat grass** too. So next time you think about Australia, remember the kangaroo — a big, **strong** animal that loves to **jump!**

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. jump ____ | a. a female parent |
| 2. grass ____ | b. having a lot of power; not weak |
| 3. baby ____ | c. a small bag-like space used to hold or carry something |
| 4. mother ____ | d. to put food in your mouth and swallow it |
| 5. leg ____ | e. to push your body up off the ground into the air |
| 6. strong ____ | f. the short green plants that cover the ground in a field |
| 7. tail ____ | g. a very young animal or child |
| 8. eat ____ | h. a body part that an animal or person uses to stand and move |
| 9. land ____ | i. the long part at the back end of an animal |

10. pocket ____ j. the dry part of the Earth, not water



B. True or False

1. A kangaroo lives in a country called Australia. ____
2. A kangaroo likes to walk slowly like a dog or a cat. ____
3. Kangaroos have strong back legs that help them jump. ____
4. A kangaroo uses its tail to help it stand still. ____
5. Most kangaroos eat meat and fish. ____
6. Kangaroos like to eat in the morning and at night. ____
7. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. ____
8. The baby joey is very big when it is born. ____
9. The mother kangaroo carries her baby in a special pocket. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: jump, grass, legs, tail, pocket

1. A kangaroo cannot walk, so it likes to _____.
2. Kangaroos have strong back _____ that help them move fast.
3. A kangaroo uses its long _____ to stand still.
4. Most kangaroos eat green _____ and plants.
5. A mother kangaroo keeps her baby in a special _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where do kangaroos live, and how do they move?
2. How do a kangaroo's strong legs and tail help it?
3. What do kangaroos eat, and when do they like to eat?
4. What is a baby kangaroo called, and where does it live?
5. How does a mother kangaroo take care of her baby?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a kangaroo? Where did you see it?
2. What other animals carry their babies with them?
3. Why do you think jumping is a good way for a kangaroo to move?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-a, 5-h, 6-b, 7-i, 8-d, 9-j, 10-c

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-jump, 2-legs, 3-tail, 4-grass, 5-pocket

D. Comprehension:

1. Kangaroos live in Australia. They cannot walk like a dog or cat, so they move by jumping far and fast on their big back legs.
2. Their strong back legs help them jump high and run from danger, and their long tail helps them stand up and keep their body still.
3. Kangaroos eat grass and green plants. They like to eat in the morning and at night when it is not too hot.
4. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. It lives inside its mother's pocket, called a pouch, where it is warm and safe.
5. The mother lets the joey drink milk and grow in her pocket, keeping it warm and safe until it can eat grass on its own.