

Kid Scoop

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What has a head like a deer but can hop like a rabbit?
It can stand upright, swim and even box.

Kangaroos

Kangaroos are **marsupials**, which means they are mammals that have an external pouch or pocket.

Marsupials are different from most mammals because they give birth to very underdeveloped young.

Joeys are born hairless and tiny, about the size of a bean and must climb their way up into their mother's pouch. They remain here to feed and sleep and grow—in six months they grow to be 2,000 times the size they were at birth.

Standards Link: Life Science: Know that animals progress through life cycles of birth, growth, development, reproduction and death.

Draw a line from each question to the answer that makes the most sense.

How many different kinds of kangaroos are there?

Which is the smallest kangaroo?

Which is the largest kangaroo?

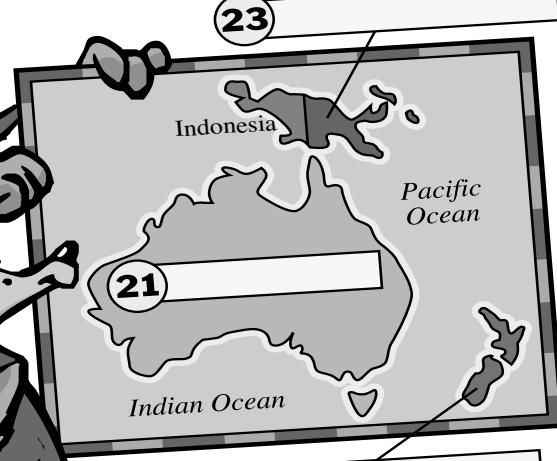
The musky rat-kangaroo is less than a pound (.5 kg).

The red kangaroo is around 175 lbs (80kg).

More than 60 species.

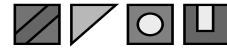
Where can kangaroos be found?
Solve each math problem to label the map.

- 32 - 11 = AUSTRALIA
- 16 + 16 = NEW ZEALAND
- 29 - 6 = NEW GUINEA



Use the Kangaroo Code to find these answers.

What is the name for a group of kangaroos?



What do you call a kangaroo that weighs less than 45 lbs (25kg)?



What do you call a baby kangaroo?



KANGAROO CODE		= A		= M
		= B		= O
		= E		= S
		= J		= W
		= L		= Y
		= N		= P

Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand the diversity of life.

Roo Features

A kangaroo, or roo, has _____ back legs, small front legs and a head shaped like that of a deer. Its well-developed _____ include excellent scanning eyesight and sharp _____ provided by large rabbit-like ears that can turn forward or back. In a larger roo, the tail acts as a _____ for sitting, but also helps the animal _____ when hopping. Powerful back legs propel larger roos to speeds of up to 40 mph.

Replace the words that this kangaroo knocked out.

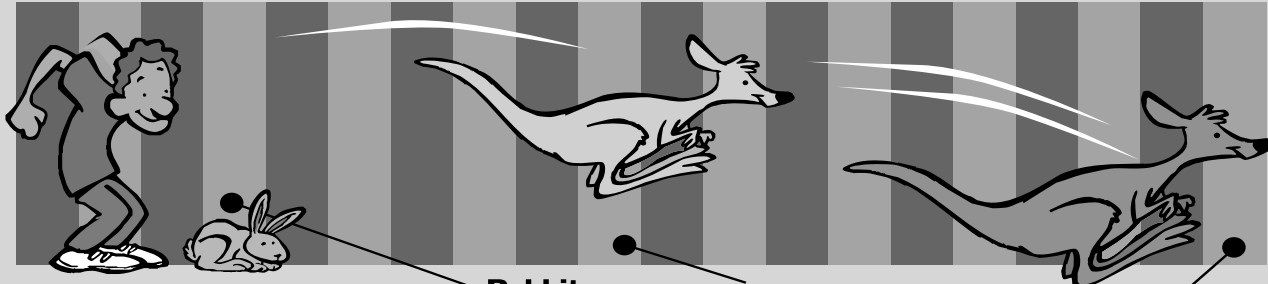


STEER SENSES HEARING

World-famous Jumpers

Their strong back legs launch kangaroos into the air. And their tails help them balance, as they hop great distances. When they hop, kangaroos use only their hind legs, which move together, much like those of a rabbit.

MEASURING BAR (Each stripe = 1 foot)



Hopping Contest

Stand in one spot with your feet together. Now make a giant hop. How far did you hop? Mark that distance on the above grid. Look how far a gray roo, a red roo and a rabbit can hop. How do you compare?

Standards Link: Measurement: Understand the basic measures of length.

Extra! Extra! Jumping News

In a newspaper, a "jump" is a story that jumps from one page, usually the front page, to another. How many jumps can you find in today's newspaper?

Standards Link: Research: Understand that newspapers have a specific type of layout.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Multiplication Boxes

In the sample below, multiplying the first two numbers in each row gives the answer in the third row. This works both horizontally and vertically.

2	5	10
3	3	9
6	15	90

2	2			1	2
		16		4	
8		64		8	80
2		6		2	6
		12			
8		72		10	120

Now fill in the missing numbers in each multiplication box above.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using multiplication.

Double Double Word Search

- AUSTRALIA
- EXTERNAL
- MAMMALS
- BALANCE
- HOPPING
- PROPEL
- POUCH
- JOEYS
- SHARP
- CLIMB
- TINY
- GROW
- EARS
- BEAN
- KANGAROOS

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together: Name That Idiom

A **Kangaroo Court** means an unauthorized gathering of people who take the law into their own hands. The term came into being when people who called themselves "judges" would "leap" from place to place to hold court.

Kangaroo Court is an **idiom**—a phrase that has a different meaning than the one the words imply.

Now Try This

There are lots of idioms in the English language. Can you match each of these well-known idioms with its definition?

IDIOMS

- in a nutshell
- piece of cake
- bite your tongue
- cry wolf
- in a pickle
- peas in a pod

DEFINITIONS

- A. Stop talking!
- B. Something that can be done easily.
- C. To say something very briefly.
- D. Two people that are very similar or close.
- E. An embarrassing or difficult situation.
- F. To raise a false alarm.

ANSWERS: C = in a nutshell, B = piece of cake, A = bite your tongue, F = cry wolf, E = in a pickle, D = peas in a pod.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand level-appropriate idiomatic phrases.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **JOEYS** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

J	O	E	Y	S
S		J		O
	S		J	
		S		
O				J

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PROPEL**

The verb **propel** means to push or drive forward.

Kevin was able to **propel** himself across the park by peddling his bike.

Try to use the word **propel** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Observation

Observation is an important skill for scientists. Have your students study a photo or illustration in the newspaper and make a list of details they observe in that image. Can they come up with 10, 20 or more?

Standards Link: Scientific Investigation: Know that learning can come from careful investigation.



What do you call a lazy kangaroo?

ANSWER: A pouch potato.

Write On!

Write Words Wonderfully

Write a sentence in which most, or all of the words start with the same letter. For example: *Betty's brother brought buckets of beetles.*

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