

# Kid Scoop®

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## 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                   |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | in a nutshell    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | piece of cake    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | bite your tongue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | cry wolf         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | in a pickle      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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, D = in a pickle, E = in a pickle, F = cry wolf.  
cake, A = bite your tongue, B = piece of cake.

**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.

<b>J</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>S</b>		<b>J</b>		<b>O</b>
	<b>S</b>		<b>J</b>	
		<b>S</b>		
<b>O</b>				<b>J</b>

## 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.

## 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.*

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

# Kangaroos

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

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

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

- How many different kinds of kangaroos are there?  
The musky rat-kangaroo is less than a pound (.5 kg).
- Which is the largest kangaroo?  
The red kangaroo is around 175 lbs (80kg).
- Which is the smallest kangaroo?  
More than 60 species.

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.

## 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.

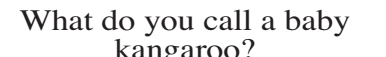


**STEER**      **SENSES**      **HEARING**

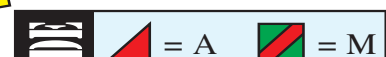
What is the name for a group of kangaroos?













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

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

**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.

## 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.

## 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	
		16
8		64

		1	2
		4	
8		8	80

2	6	
		12
8		72

2	6	
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

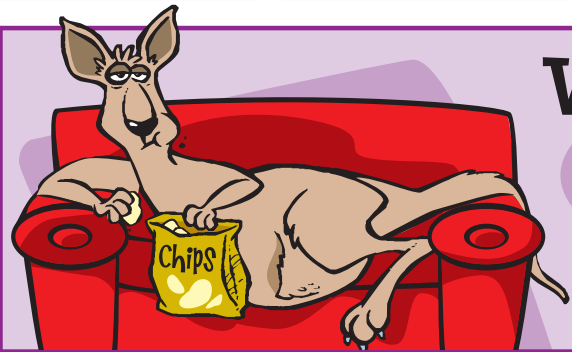
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop 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.

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