



KANGAROOS

Learning about marsupials



GRADES 2-4

KEY WORDS

- marsupial

STANDARDS

- SCI.4.3.1
- SCI.4.3.3

OBJECTIVES

- Students will learn basic facts about kangaroos.

PROCEDURE

- Have students follow the directions listed on the worksheet.

RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Ensure that the student's answer is correct.
- Answer – Marsupial.

EXTENSIONS

- Have students research the similarities and differences between the red kangaroo and the eastern grey kangaroo.





KANGAROOS



Kangaroos live only on the continent of Australia. There are many different kinds -- some are up to seven feet tall and weigh 200 pounds, while others are as small as a rabbit.

Name _____

At birth, a baby kangaroo is called a joey. They are extremely tiny -- a newborn joey is only as big as a bean! The joey nurses and grows in its mother's pouch for up to six months. The joey gradually learns to eat grass and hop around. But it will still jump back into the pouch if danger threatens.



Using long, strong hind legs, a male kangaroo can travel up to 40 feet in one leap!

All mammals with pouches belong to the same group. Follow the directions below to find out the name of this group.

M m G A R
Z S r U B
O P C I n
A Y H X L

1. Cross out all lower case letters.
2. Cross out all letters that come after W in the alphabet.
3. Cross out the second and third letters of the alphabet.
4. Cross out all the letters in the word "HOG."
5. Use the remaining letters to write your answer below.

The _____ family