



Introducing: The Kangaroo

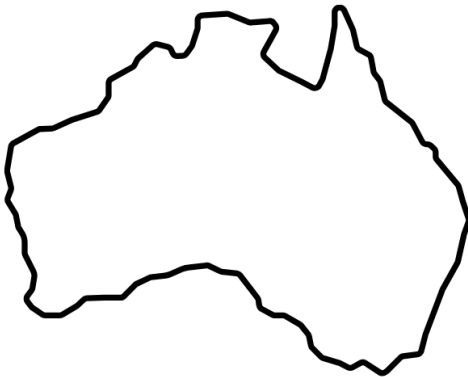
Kangaroos are native to Australia, have a lifespan of up to 23 years and live on a plant-based diet consisting of different types of grasses, flowers, shrubs and ferns!



A baby kangaroo is called a joey and is only about the size of a jellybean at birth. It doesn't come out of its mother's pouch until it is around 6 months old.

Did you know...

... that there are more kangaroos living in Australia than people?



There are approximately 27 Million people living in Australia and 48 Million kangaroos hopping around from here to there!



There are 4 species of kangaroos that live in Australia.

- 1.) The Red Kangaroo.**
- 2.) The Eastern Grey Kangaroo.**
- 3.) The Western Grey Kangaroo.**
- 4.) The Antilopine Kangaroo.**

Because kangaroos really love company, they can be found in herds (also called troops or mobs) of 50 or more animals.



When a kangaroo senses danger, it pounds the ground with its feet to warn the other animals to be on their guard.

Here's a joke for you:

What kind of music do kangaroos listen to?

Answer: Hip - Hop



Did you know that kangaroos can't walk backwards?



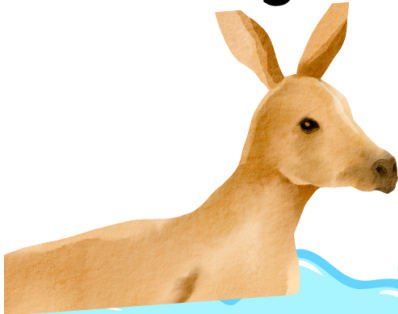
The kangaroo's long, muscular tail and oversized feet make it impossible for it to walk backwards.

Kangaroos would make great athletes!

Some kangaroos can jump 10 feet in the air, cover a distance of 30 feet in a single bound and hop at speeds of over 30 Miles Per Hour!



Kangaroos are strong swimmers too!



Kangaroos are able to swim by keeping their head out of the water, paddling with their legs and using their tail as a rudder to steer and propel them forward.

How about another joke?

Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

Yes, because the Empire State Building can't jump!

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