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10 FUN FACTS ABOUT KANGAROOS

- Kangaroos are native to Australia and live in deserts, grasslands, woodlands and coastal areas.
- Baby kangaroos are called 'joeys'. When a joey is first born, it is incredibly tiny. It is about the size of a jellybean!
- Kangaroos have a pouch for the joey. They are a 'marsupial', meaning they raise their young in their pouch.
- Joeys live in their mother's pouch for their first six months of life.
- A group of kangaroos is called a mob, and can have up to 50 kangaroos!
- Kangaroos are big jumpers and can jump over seven metres in one hop!
- Male kangaroos sometimes 'box' each other, using their front paws to show who is the boss.
- Kangaroos have amazing tail power! Their tails are super strong and help them balance while they hop.
- Kangaroos are fast! They can hop at speeds of over 55 kilometres per hour!
- You can see kangaroos on Australian money, and also on the coat of arms.



Answer these questions about kangaroos.

1. What country do kangaroos live in? _____
2. A marsupial is an animal that has a _____
3. What is a group of kangaroos called? _____
4. A kangaroo's tail helps it to _____ when it hops.
5. Why do you think kangaroos do 'boxing'? _____

Tick the two true statements below.

1. A 'joey' is the size of an apple when it is born. _____
2. Joeys live in their mother's pouch for six months. _____
3. Kangaroos can hop at over 100 kilometres an hour! _____
4. Kangaroos can jump over seven metres in one hop! _____