

Bobby is writing an article about kangaroos for the school newsletter. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 1-5 and complete Question 6.

(12 marks @ 2 marks)

All about Kangaroos

A kangaroo is an animal with a small head, short arms and a long tail. Female kangaroos are special because they have a large pocket, a **pouch**, on their stomachs.

They keep their babies, also known as joeys, in these pouches for safety. Kangaroos can only hop. They have

strong legs and large feet which make them great at hopping. Their tails are used for keeping balance. Most kangaroos are found in Australia.



A long time ago, some people once thought the kangaroo was a strange animal because of its appearance and behaviour. Its head looks like a deer's and it can stand like a man, but it hops around like a frog. The average lifespan of a kangaroo is nine to eighteen years. It mainly feeds on grass and plants. It usually relaxes during the day. However, at night, it becomes active and searches for food.

Kangaroos are shy animals. They are not dangerous to humans by nature. However, it is not a good idea to get too close to kangaroos because they may kick you — and we know how strong their legs are! Also, they may get frightened by the bright headlights of cars and noisy car engines. Therefore, kangaroo-crossing signs are put up on some roads in Australia to alert drivers.

Australians are very proud of their kangaroos. You can find kangaroo figures on coins and as logos of some Australian airlines. They also represent some sports teams such as the Australian National Rugby League team, which was given the nickname 'the Kangaroos'.



1. What is a '**pouch**'?
 - A. A place in Australia
 - B. The living place of kangaroos
 - C. A baby kangaroo
 - D. The pocket on a female kangaroo's stomach

2. Which of the following does a kangaroo **NOT** have?
 - A. A long tail
 - B. Long arms
 - C. Strong legs
 - D. Large feet

3. Which of the following is **TRUE** about kangaroos?
 - A. They behave like a deer.
 - B. They all have a pouch.
 - C. They represent sports teams.
 - D. They look for food in the morning.

4. What may a kangaroo do if you stand too close to it?
 - A. Kick you
 - B. Shout loudly
 - C. Swing its tail
 - D. Hop around you

5. What may frighten kangaroos?
 - A. Road signs
 - B. Drivers
 - C. Darkness
 - D. Loud sounds

6. Bobby is writing a fact sheet about kangaroos. Read the article and help him complete the fact sheet. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Fact Sheet on Kangaroos

- Living place: (i) _____
- Lifespan: 9 – 18 years
- Food: grass and plants
- Character: (ii) _____

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