



ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Kangaroos and Other Marsupials

What is a marsupial? How far can kangaroos hop?
Where do Tasmanian devils hide out?
Read *Kangaroos and Other Marsupials* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

1. A kangaroo is a ...
 - a. Bird
 - b. Mammal
 - c. Amphibian
 - d. Reptile
2. The tallest marsupial is the ...
 - a. Rat kangaroo
 - b. Red-necked wallaby
 - c. Wallaroo
 - d. Red kangaroo
3. The only marsupial that lives in North America is the ...
 - a. Red kangaroo
 - b. Koala
 - c. Virginia opossum
 - d. Red-necked wallaby
4. Tasmanian devils are found in ...
 - a. Australia
 - b. Wales
 - c. Madagascar
 - d. Brazil
5. What type of possum is this?
6. What type of animal is this?

TRUE OR FALSE?

- _____ 1. There is only one type of kangaroo.
- _____ 2. The longest kangaroo hop ever recorded was 43 feet.
- _____ 3. A baby kangaroo is called a joey.
- _____ 4. A wallaroo is smaller than a red kangaroo but larger than a wallaby.
- _____ 5. A koala is a bear.
- _____ 6. A baby opossum is larger than a honey bee.

ANSWERS

- 1. b. Mammal.** According to section "What Is a Marsupial?" on page 6, we know that "A kangaroo is a marsupial ... All marsupials are mammals." So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. d. Red kangaroo.** According to section "How Do Kangaroos Size Up?" on page 24, we know that "The red and gray kangaroos are the heaviest, strongest, and tallest marsupial." So, the correct answer is D.
- 3. c. Virginia opossum.** According to section "Which Marsupial Lives in North America?" on page 36, we know that "Only one kind of marsupial lives in the wild in North America. This is the common opossum, also called the Virginia opossum." So, the correct answer is C.
- 4. a. Australia.** According to section "Where Do Tasmanian Devils Hide Out?" on page 50, we know that "Tasmanian devils are found only on the Australian island of Tasmania." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 47, this photo shows a sugar glider.
- 6.** According to page 37, this photo shows a common opossum.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to section "Are There Different Types of Kangaroos?" on page 10, we know that "Yes, there are many types of kangaroos." So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. True.** According to section "How Far Can Kangaroos Hop?" on page 14, we know that "The longest hop ever recorded is 43 feet (13.1 meters)." So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. True.** According to section "How Big Is a Joey at Birth?" on page 18, we know that "A female kangaroo gives birth to a joey one month after mating." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "How Did the Wallaroo Get Its Name?" on page 28, we know that "Wallaroos are larger than wallabies and smaller than gray and red kangaroos." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "Which Marsupial Looks Like a Bear?" on page 30, we know that "The koala looks like a teddy bear, but it is not a bear at all." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. False.** According to section "How Big Is a Baby Opossum?" on page 40, we know that "A baby opossum is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13 millimeters) long. That is tinier than a honey bee." So, the correct answer is False.