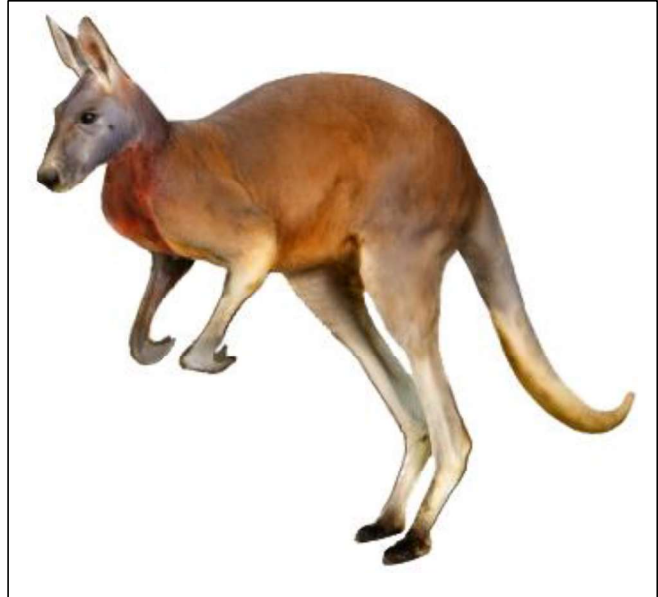


## RED AND BLUE FLYERS

What do you know about kangaroos? There are many different types. Here are some facts about the biggest one: the Red Kangaroo.

The Red Kangaroo lives in the wide open spaces of Australia. Here, there aren't many trees and not much water. But this kangaroo eats mostly grass and can survive without water for a long time.



These kangaroos have strong hind legs built for speed. Sometimes, they are called **red flyers**. Females, more grey than the males, are smaller, but can go even faster. Australians call them **blue flyers**. Both males and females can bound along at over 30 mph. One leap can be almost 2 metres in the air and 8 metres long. A kangaroo would have no trouble jumping over your car!



A baby kangaroo is called a **joey**. When a baby is born, it is smaller than a cherry and climbs into its mother's pouch for safety.

1. Which country do kangaroos live in?

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2. Why is it important that the kangaroo doesn't need much water?

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3. Which kangaroo goes faster? **Circle one.**

male

female

4. How fast is a kangaroo?

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5. How **far** can a kangaroo leap?

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6. How big is a baby kangaroo when it is born?

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7. What is the first thing a baby kangaroo does when it is born?

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