

K for Kangaroo

Kangaroos are the symbol of Australia.

They appear on Australian postage stamps, coins, and even on their airplanes.



Kangaroos usually have one young annually. Females have a pouch in which babies live and drink milk for 8 months.

There are over 50 types of Kangaroo. Kangaroos vary enormously in size. The biggest grow to 2 m, the smallest are 20 cm high.

Kangaroos eat grass, leaves, herbs and roots. They need little water and can go for months without drinking.

Kangaroos travel in groups. The leader dominates younger rivals by kicking, biting and boxing.

Most kangaroos are active at night. The kangaroo moves by hopping. It uses its tail for balance.

When European explorers first saw these animals, they asked an Aborigine what they were called. He replied: "Kangaroo". The explorers thought it was the animal's name, but this word meant: "I don't understand".

Hello, Kangaroo!
How are you?
I'm OK
Hopping all day.

Hello, Kangaroo!
How are you?
I'm OK
Running all day.

