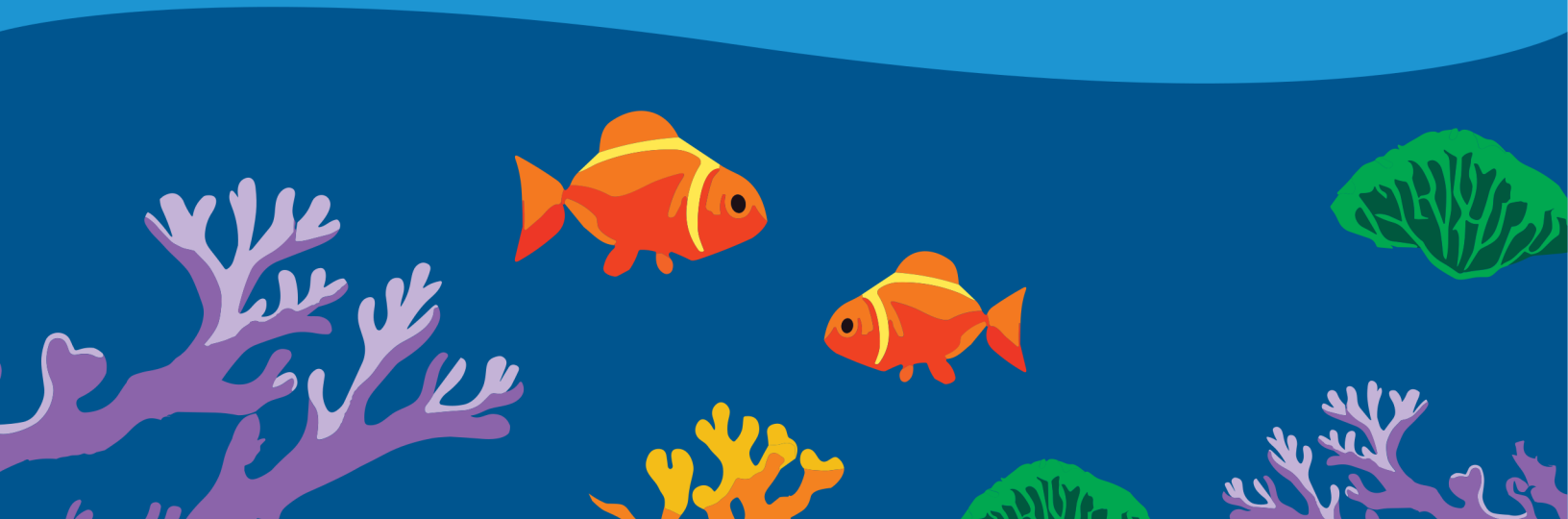


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All About Kangaroos

Diet: Kangaroos spend much of their day grazing and searching for food. They are herbivores, mainly eating grasses, leaves, shoots, and herbs. Most feeding happens during the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler. Kangaroos have specially adapted teeth that help them grind tough plants, and their stomachs allow them to digest brous vegetation efficiently. By eating low-nutrient plants in large amounts, they get the energy they need to hop long distances and stay active.

Traits and Behaviors: Kangaroos are large marsupials with powerful hind legs, long feet, and a strong tail used for balance and support. Their thick fur can range in color from light gray to reddish brown. Kangaroos move by hopping, which helps them travel quickly and conserve energy over long distances. Females carry and raise their babies, called joeys, in a pouch. Kangaroos are social animals and often gather in groups, where young kangaroos may box and play to practice important survival skills.



Scientific Name: Macropus

Animal Type: Marsupial

Height: 4–6 feet tall when standing

Weight: 40–200 pounds

Gestation Period: About 30–36 days

Life Span: 8–12 years in the wild

Habitat: Grasslands, open woodlands, savannas, and shrublands of Australia



Interesting Facts:

- Kangaroos can hop up to 35 miles per hour in short bursts.
- A kangaroo can leap 30 feet, as long as a school bus.
- Kangaroos have a thick, strong tail that works like a third leg.
- Kangaroos cannot walk backward.
- Kangaroos carry and raise their babies in a warm, protective pouch.
- Kangaroos live in groups called mobs.
- Kangaroos can sleep while sitting up and resting their tail on the ground.

REACH YOUR GOALS!



Keep track of your goals as you make progress towards reaching 100%!

Your Name

What activities would your troop like to do this year?

How much money you will need to make that happen?

Set your troop goal \$

Set your individual goal \$

Share your goals with friends and family

1

Visit your council's website and click the link to start the online portion of the program.

2

Enter your goals, and your progress will appear online for friends and family to see.

3

Check the product program dates and ensure all orders are placed before the deadline.

4

Tell your customers why they should buy from you and what your group will do with the money.

5

Be sure to thank every customer.

6

Follow all Girl Scout product program and internet safety guidelines. Only contact people you and your family know.

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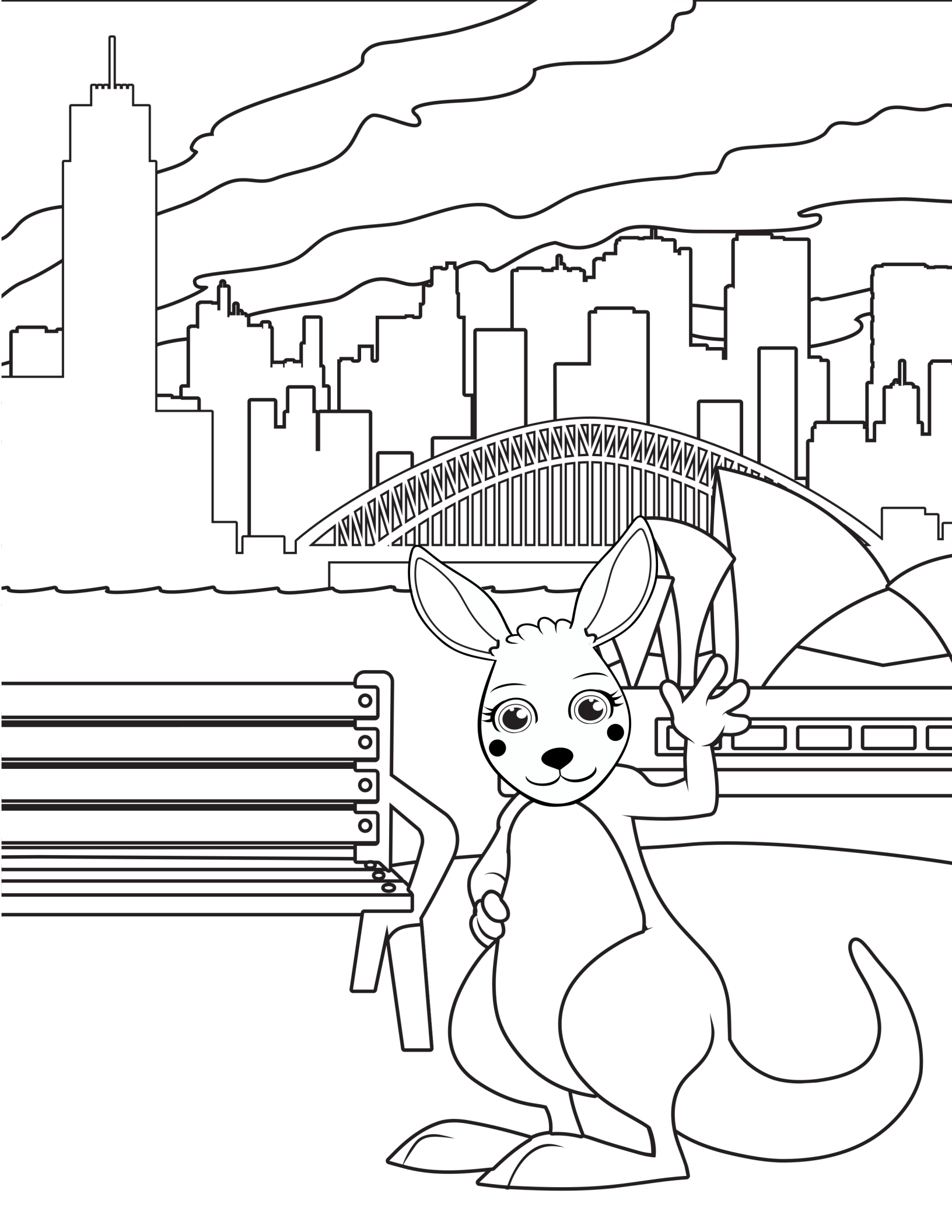
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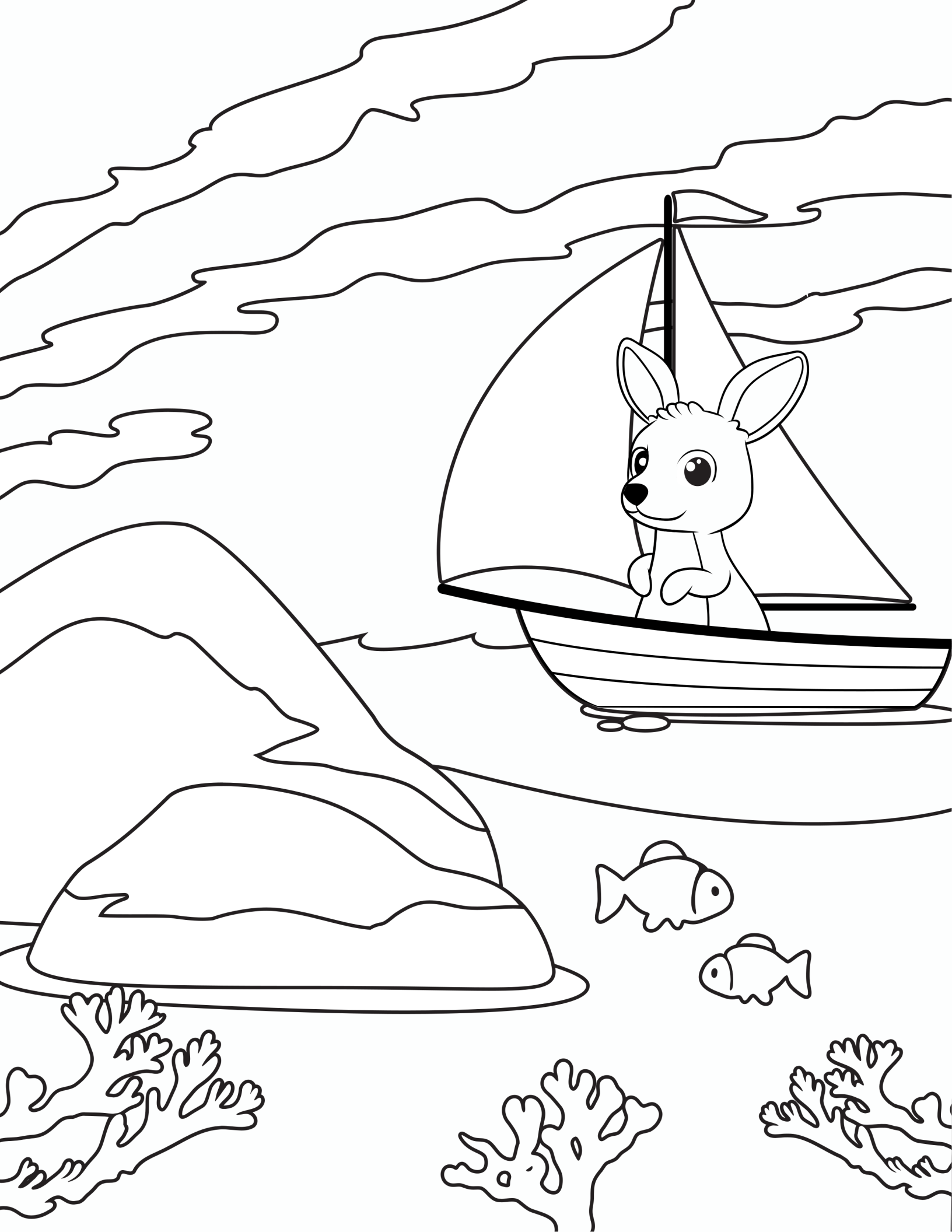
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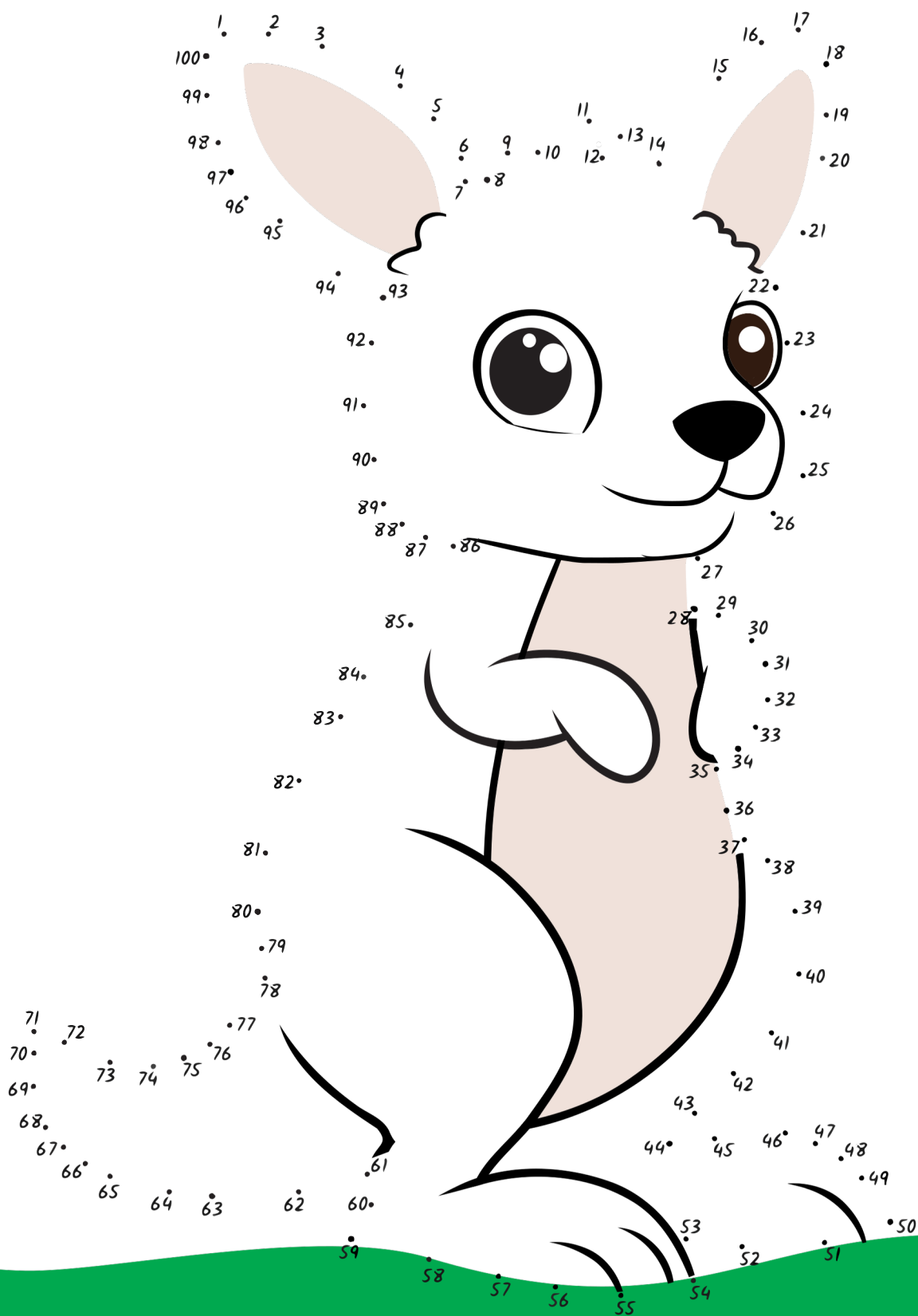






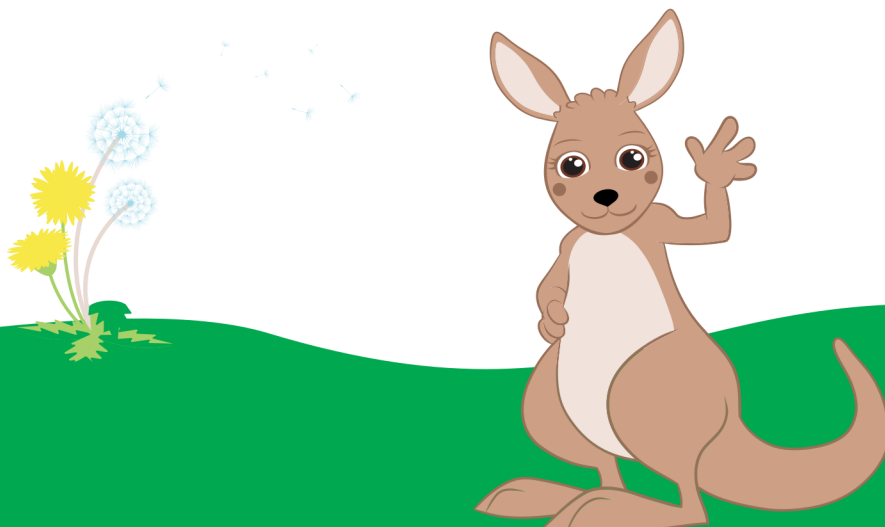
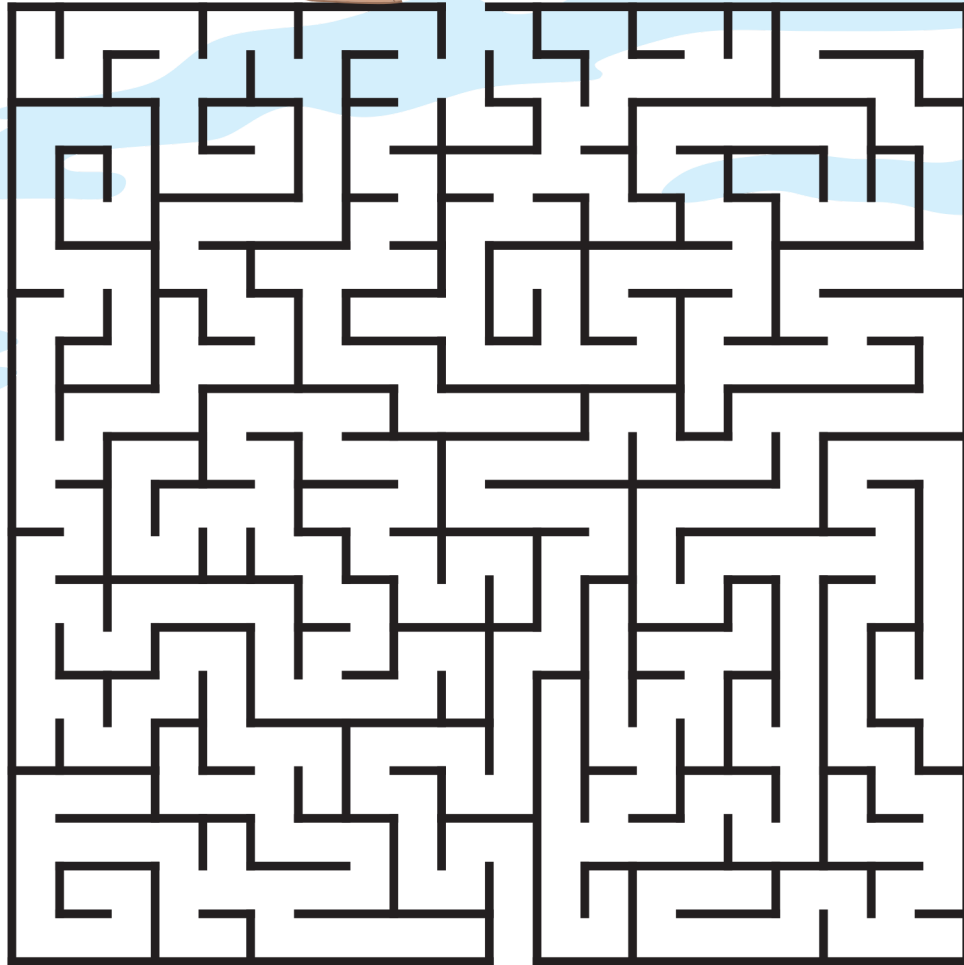
CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect all the dots to see who is hopping along.



HELP THE JOEY FIND HIS MOM!

Can you help the baby kangaroo find the right path through the maze to reach his mom?



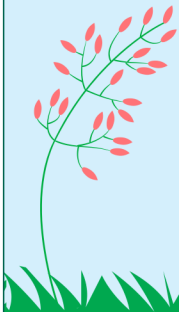
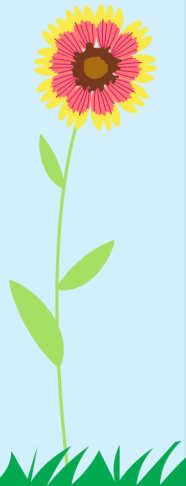
How Many Kangaroos?



Australia has four primary species of kangaroos:

- Red Kangaroo
- Eastern Grey Kangaroo
- Western Grey Kangaroo
- Antilopine Kangaroo

While smaller species (like wallabies and wallaroos) belong to the same family (Macropodidae), these four are the only ones officially recognized as "true kangaroos".



Red Kangaroo (*Osphranter rufus*): The largest of all kangaroos and the world's largest living marsupial. Males are distinguished by their striking reddish fur (females are usually bluish-grey) and they live in the arid plains and open grasslands of the Australian interior.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*): Recognizable by its soft, light grey coat and darker muzzle. They are the most populous kangaroo species and reside in the fertile, grassy woodlands and forests along Australia's eastern coast.

Western Grey Kangaroo (*Macropus fuliginosus*): Slightly smaller than the eastern grey, this species has darker, brownish-grey fur and lives in the woodlands and scrublands of Western Australia, South Australia, and western Victoria.

Antilopine Kangaroo (*Osphranter antilopinus*): Known for its distinct reddish-fawn coat, longer limbs, and deer-like facial structure. They are uniquely adapted to the tropical, monsoonal savannas of northern Australia

Kangaroo Who?

Australia has four primary species of kangaroos:

Red Kangaroo
Eastern Grey Kangaroo
Western Grey Kangaroo
Antilopine Kangaroo



Which one am I?



Eastern Grey Kangaroo

Macropus giganteus



Antilopine Kangaroo

Osphranter antilopinus



Western Grey Kangaroo

Macropus fuliginosus



Red Kangaroo

Osphranter rufus

answer key:

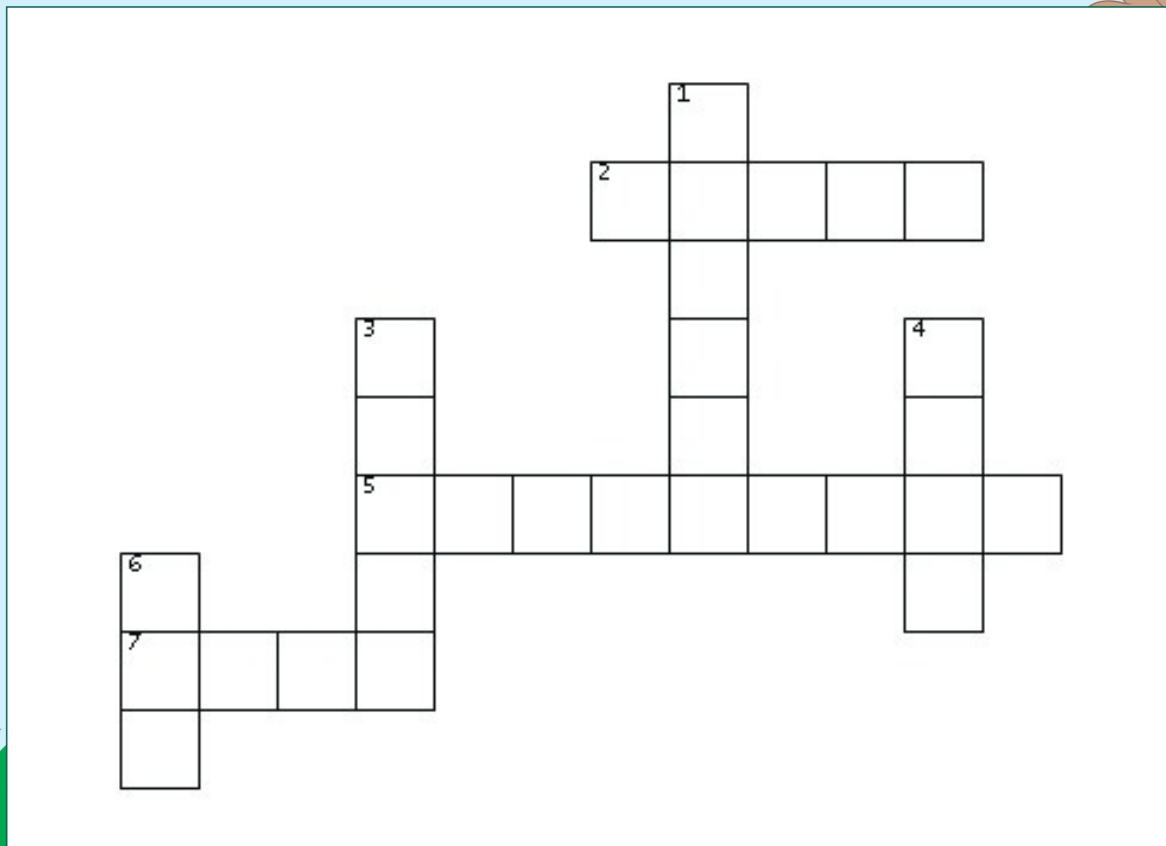
Wallaroo (*M. robustus*)

Red Kangaroo (*Osphranter rufus*)

Eastern Grey (*M. giganteus*)

Western Grey (*M. fuliginosus*)

KANGAROO CROSSWORD ADVENTURE



ACROSS

- 2. Where a joey stays safe
- 5. Where kangaroos live
- 7. Help kangaroos hear danger

DOWN

- 1. A male kangaroo
- 3. Kangaroo food
- 4. Helps kangaroos balance
- 6. A type of kangaroo

Answer Key
2. Pouch 5. Australia 7. Ears

Answer Key
1. Boomer 3. Grass 4. Tail 6. Red

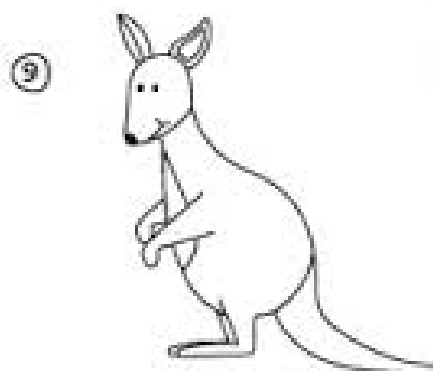
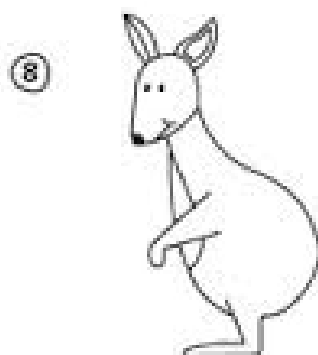
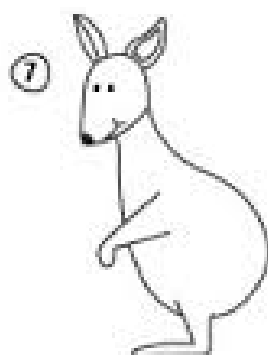
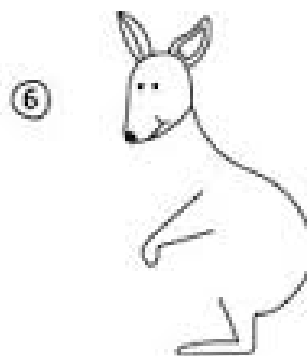
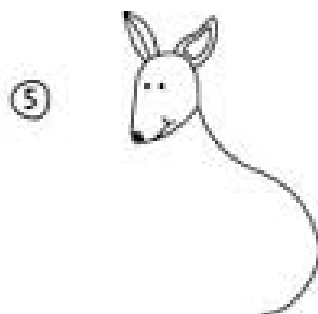
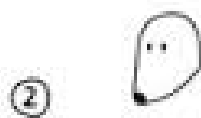
DECODE THE KANGAROO SECRET!

Use the symbol key to crack the code and discover the secret kangaroo message!



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

HOW TO DRAW A KANGAROO



Draw your own kangaroo here

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Materials Needed:

grab a cardboard tube,
scissors, glue, and markers



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Step-by-Step Craft Instructions

Prep the Body: Paint the toilet paper roll in brown, or wrap a piece of brown construction paper around it and secure with glue.

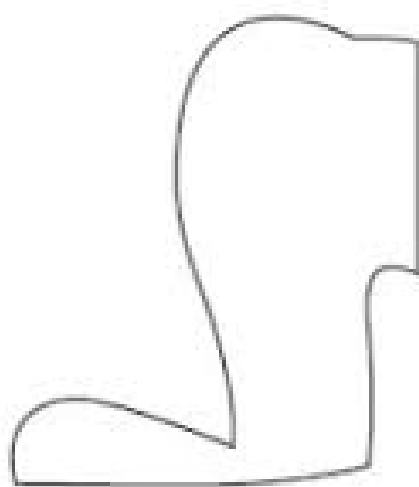
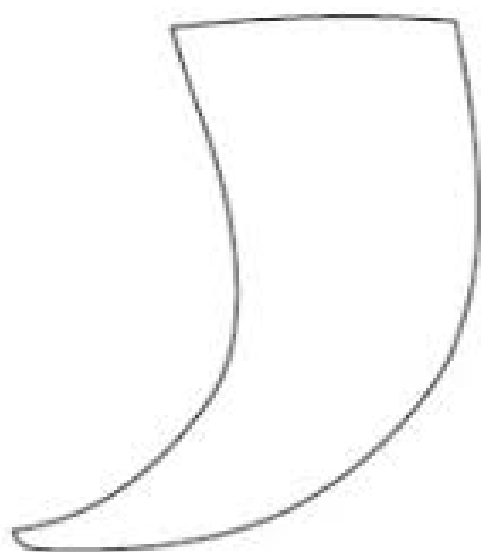
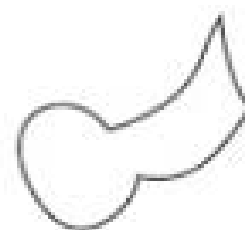
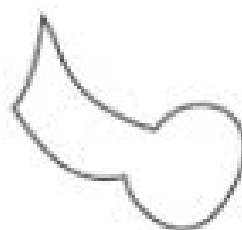
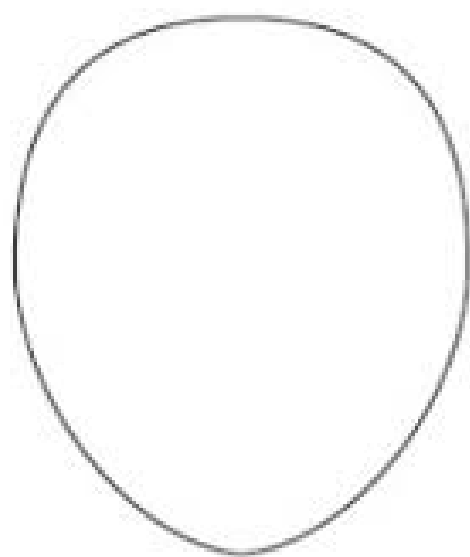
Make the Face & Ears: Cut out the ears and face template. Glue pink or white inner-ear pieces to the larger brown ears, and attach them to the top of the tube. Add googly eyes or draw them on with a marker.



Add the Pouch: Cut out the small pouch template and glue it onto the lower-front center of the cardboard roll.

Create the Joey & Tail: Cut out the small baby kangaroo (joey) and the tail. Glue the tail to the back of the tube, and tuck the joey so it's peeking right out of the pouch.

Attach the Feet: Cut out the large kangaroo feet templates and glue them to the bottom front of the roll so the kangaroo can stand upright



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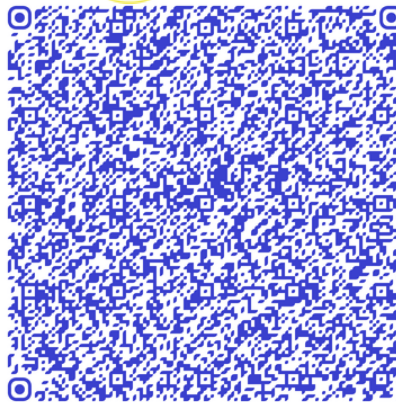
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**Oragami
Kangaroo**



**Leaf
Kangaroo**



**Jumping
Kangaroo**



**Running
Kangaroo**



**Paper Plate
Kangaroo**

