



The Kangaroo

Kangaroos are found only in Australia and Papua New Guinea. There are more than twice as many kangaroos as there are people in Australia. There are tiny kangaroos and huge kangaroos. Some climb trees, some live in underground nests, but most live on the surface and use trees and caves for shelter. Female kangaroos can have up to three babies (joeys) at a time, two in the pouch and one hopping around outside.

The Kangaquiz

Pick the one correct answer to each question.

1 If a kangaroo has a pouch, it is

- a male
- a female
- going shopping

3 Kangaroos are found in Australia and where else?

- Papua New Guinea
- New Zealand
- England

2 A kangaroo that climbs trees is called a

- Cat Kangaroo
- Sure-footed Kangaroo
- Tree Kangaroo

4 A baby kangaroo is called a

- pup
- joey
- foal

The Emu

The Australian emu is the second largest bird in the world. Emus are tall, up to two metres. They weigh up to 55 kilograms and cannot fly. You'd have to be fast to catch one because they can run almost 50 kilometres an hour for a short time. Emus have a unique child-rearing system. After the female lays her eggs the male sits on them and doesn't eat or drink for 40 to 60 days. After the eggs hatch, the male looks after the chicks for up to a year and a half before they're on their own. An emu's food can include grass, insects, fruit and seeds.

The Emuquiz

Decide whether each statement is true or false.

1 The male looks after chicks for up to a year and a half

- TRUE or FALSE

3 The emu is the second largest bird in the world

- TRUE or FALSE

2 Emus can fly

- TRUE or FALSE

4 An emu's food includes fruit

- TRUE or FALSE

