

# *AM1 READING PACKET*

*6th Grade*

*Mrs. Scott*

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# Falling Asleep

By B. J. Lee



I go to bed.  
I close my eyes,  
but specters  
in my mind arise.  
I punch my pillow,  
toss and moan.  
Clearly, I  
am not alone.  
I crack an eyelid,  
scan the room –  
that's when I see  
dark shadows loom.  
I rub my eyes  
so hard they burn.  
I crumple up  
my sheets and turn.  
I struggle, wrestle  
through the night,  
then, finally,  
at dawn's first light:  
as sunbeams 'cross  
my window creep,  
I shudder twice  
and  
fall  
asleep.

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1. Why can't the person in this poem fall asleep?
  - a. He or she is not tired.
  - b. He or she is feeling afraid.
  - c. He or she is in an uncomfortable bed.
  - d. He or she is worried about school.
  
2. How long does the person in the poem stay awake in bed?
  - a. an hour or two
  - b. until midnight
  - c. until morning
  - d. until dusk
  
3. Which word is a synonym for specter?
  - a. dream                      b. sleep
  - c. headache                d. ghost
  
4. What does the word loom mean?
  - a. to move about
  - b. to tower over
  - c. to come closer
  - d. to make quiet sounds
  
5. Which word is a synonym for shudder?
  - a. tremble                      b. blink
  - c. snore                        d. breathe

## Contractions

### Read Words

was not	wasn't	did not	didn't	had not	hadn't
there is	there's	she would	she'd	we would	we'd
were not	weren't	cannot	can't	are not	aren't
we are	we're	I would	I'd	that is	that's
would've	I'll	won't	they'll	that's	it's

There's a storm coming.

I didn't have a good day.

If we don't hurry, we're going to be late.

It's not fair that we weren't able to play.

### Write Words

must + not = \_\_\_\_\_ is + not = \_\_\_\_\_

they + will = \_\_\_\_\_ you + are = \_\_\_\_\_

I + am = \_\_\_\_\_ should + not = \_\_\_\_\_

does + not = \_\_\_\_\_ who + is = \_\_\_\_\_

## Possessives

### Read Words

cake's	teachers'	boat's	deer's	shoes'
door's	socks'	men's	Nia's	books'
people's	bird's	beach's	cars'	house's
sheep's	stores'	Emily's	horse's	window's
giraffes'	bucket's	children's	Chris's	roofs'

The teachers' classrooms were painted during the summer.

Jordan's soccer game starts at 9:00 a.m.

It took all morning to shear the sheep's wool coat.

All the roofs' tiles glistened after the rain.

### Write Words

David + ('s) = _____	singers + ('s) = _____
women + ('s) = _____	pen + ('s) = _____
bicycle + ('s) = _____	planes + ('s) = _____
diners + ('s) = _____	class + ('s) = _____
dancer + ('s) = _____	baby + ('s) = _____

## Homophones

### Read Words

flower	flour	need	knead	piece	peace
lone	loan	for	four	scent	cent
air	heir	chord	cord	wait	weight
blew	blue	ate	eight	right	write
hire	higher	wood	would	aloud	allowed
to	too	two	their	there	they're

I need to knead this bread dough.

She could see the waves on the sea.

The blue flag blew in the wind.

They're going to build their home over there.

### Write Sentences

hire \_\_\_\_\_

allowed \_\_\_\_\_

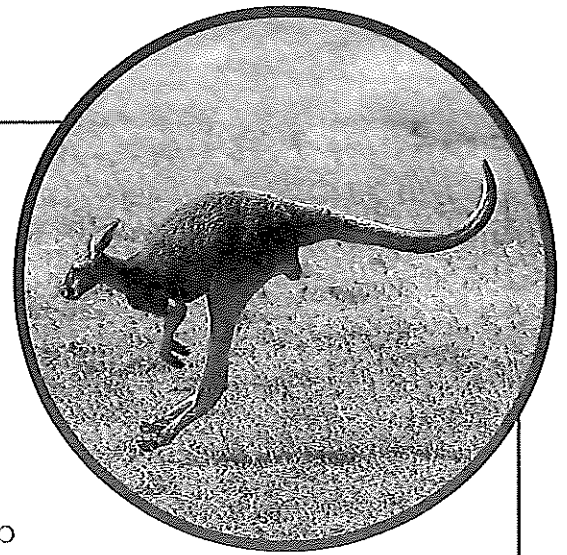
flower \_\_\_\_\_

four \_\_\_\_\_

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# World's Largest Marsupial

By Guy Belleranti



What Australian mammal can leap 25 feet in one hop and move for short periods at 35 miles an hour? The red kangaroo.

A full-grown male stands as tall as a 6-foot-tall person and weighs 200 pounds. This is slightly bigger than the grey kangaroo, making it the world's largest marsupial.

What's a marsupial? It's a mammal where the mother has a pouch for carrying, feeding, and protecting her young.

While a red kangaroo may be the largest marsupial, the newborn baby is tiny, under an inch long. After a few months of sleeping, nursing, and growing in mom's stomach pouch, the young kangaroo (joey) begins to come out. But it hurries back to the pouch fast when frightened, hungry, or cold. Eventually, the joey gets so big it hangs out of the pouch. Then, at eight months old, it stays out. But the joey remains close to mom until ready to live on its own.

Red kangaroos are good swimmers. However, they are best known for their hopping abilities. Their long, powerful hind legs have big feet. Hopping moves them quickly over their grassy, shrubby, and desert habitats. Meanwhile, a thick tail helps them balance and steer.



What do red kangaroos eat? Grass, leaves, and other vegetation. And guess what - they often regurgitate food and chew their cud just like a cow.

The red kangaroo's vegetarian diet provides much of its water. It can also go long periods without drinking. Staying in the shade, panting, and limiting most activity to nighttime helps the red kangaroo conserve water and stay cool.

Red kangaroos travel together in groups called mobs. Mobs include both males and females, with one male being dominant.

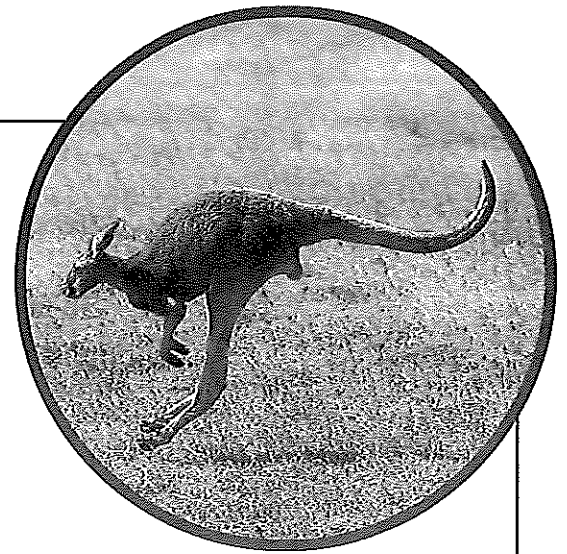
Males show their dominance by "boxing" with other males. They balance on their tails and try pushing each other off balance with their forearms or by kicking their hind legs. This kicking ability, along with their sharp claws, can also be used by kangaroos to defend against Australia's wild dog, the dingo.



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1. Red kangaroos are...

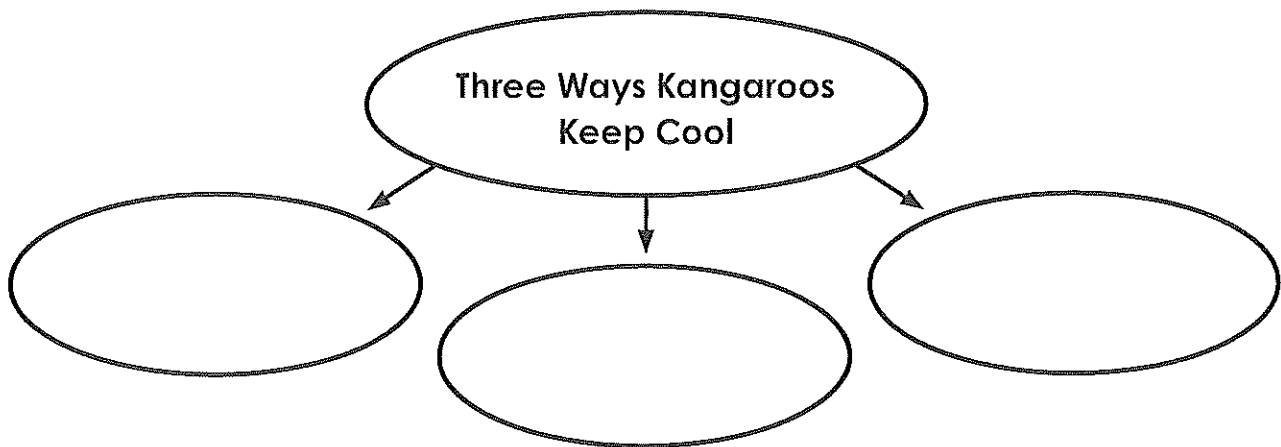
- a. omnivores
- b. carnivores
- c. herbivores
- d. insectivores

Explain why you chose the answer above.

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2. Complete the graphic organizer.



3. When does a baby kangaroo come out of its mother's pouch for the first time?

- a. about a month after it is born
- b. a few months after it is born
- c. about 8 months after it is born
- d. when it is a year old

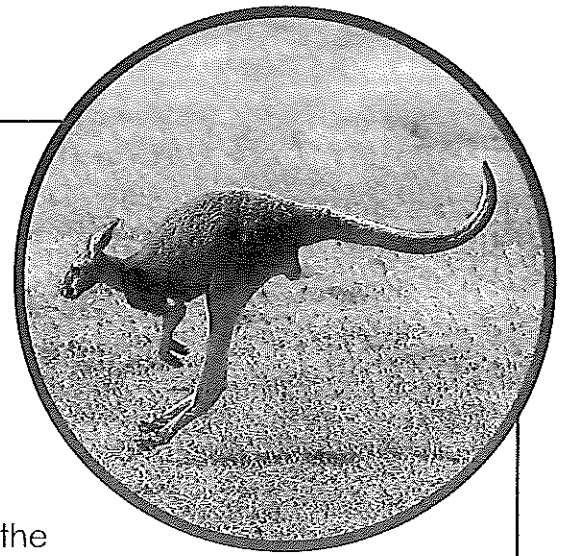
4. A group of kangaroos is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. A baby kangaroo is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

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The scrambled words below are vocabulary words from the article. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Please be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

n o d i g

*hint: type of wild dog in Australia*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

l p a e

*hint: long, high jump*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

o n a t i v e g e t

*hint: plants*

4. \_\_\_\_\_

i g p t a n n

*hint: breathing heavily to cool off*

5. \_\_\_\_\_

d r t e e s

*hint: place that is dry most of the time*

6. \_\_\_\_\_

a n d c e o m i n

*hint: power over others; controlling*

7. \_\_\_\_\_

p m i s u a l a r

*hint: type of mammal in which the mother has a pouch for carrying her young*