

# Australian Animals

## The Kangaroo

The kangaroo is a marsupial or pouched mammal. Only the female kangaroos have pouches. The baby kangaroo or joey is very tiny when born and has to crawl up the mother's body to the pouch to grow.



The kangaroo is a macropod which means "big foot". They move by hopping on their hind legs and can go as fast as 40 miles per hour. Their long tails help keep them balanced.

## The Wombat

The furry little wombat is something like a pig,  
With a grumpy nature and an awful urge to dig.  
Complete with claws made mighty strong,  
For moving tons of earth along.  
His eyes are small and very dim,  
For daylight means bedtime to him.



1. The wombat is something like a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What does the wombat do during the day? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The kangaroo is a \_\_\_\_\_ which means "big foot".
4. The kangaroo uses its tail for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Marsupial means \_\_\_\_\_.