

Dingo Dan's Australian Animals Worksheet

Dingo Dan is a famous animal expert. He travels all over the world studying wildlife.

He wants to know if you've got what it takes to be an animal expert just like him!

You'll need to show that you can use the internet to discover animal facts by answering the questions below.

Start by visiting:

www.activewild.com/australian-animals-list/

Most of the answers are on the above page, but for some you'll have to dig a bit deeper by following the links to individual animals.

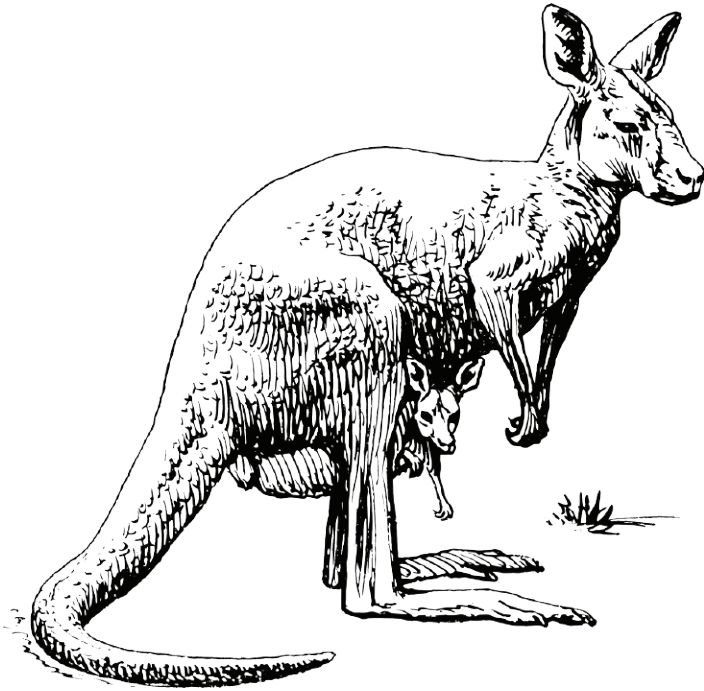
(Put a tick by the correct answer.)

1. What does it mean if an animal is 'endemic' to an area?
 - A. The animal isn't found anywhere else.
 - B. The animal is closely related to another species in the area.
 - C. The animal's presence in the area is bad for other wildlife living there.
2. What is one characteristic shared by all marsupials?
 - A. They eat eucalyptus leaves.
 - B. Their young are raised in special pouches in the mother's body.
 - C. They are good at jumping.
3. What are young marsupials called?
 - A. Kittens
 - B. Foals
 - C. Joeys
4. What is a suitable description of the cane toad in Australia?
 - A. Endangered species
 - B. Invasive species
 - C. Endemic species
5. Which of the three species of cassowary is found in Australia?
 - A. Northern Cassowary
 - B. Southern Cassowary
 - C. Dwarf Cassowary



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6. What is Australia's biggest crocodile species?

- A. Saltwater crocodile
- B. Freshwater crocodile

7. What animal family is the dingo a member of?

- A. Felidae
- B. Thylacinidae
- C. Canidae

8. What kind of animal is a dugong?

- A. Marine mammal
- B. Marsupial
- C. Reptile

9. Echidnas are monotremes. What makes monotremes different to other mammals?

- A. Monotremes can fly
- B. Monotremes lay eggs
- C. Monotremes are cold blooded

10. What is the largest species of kangaroo?

- A. Red kangaroo
- B. Eastern grey kangaroo
- C. Antilopine kangaroo

11. Is the koala a type of bear?

- A. Yes
- B. No

12. Which of the following is NOT a real species of kookaburra?

- A. Blue winged kookaburra
- B. Laughing kookaburra
- C. Blue spotted kookaburra

13. How does a platypus find its food?

- A. By sight
- B. By sound
- C. By electrolocation

14. What is the largest species of Quoll?

- A. Eastern quoll
- B. Spotted-tail quoll (also called the tiger quoll)
- C. Northern quoll

15. What is the main reason that the Tasmanian devil is endangered?

- A. Disease
- B. Hunting
- C. The arrival of the cane toad

