

Online Zoo: Mammals (Marsupials & Monotremes)

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 the Active Wild Online Zoo:

www.activewild.com/online-zoo/

Many 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.

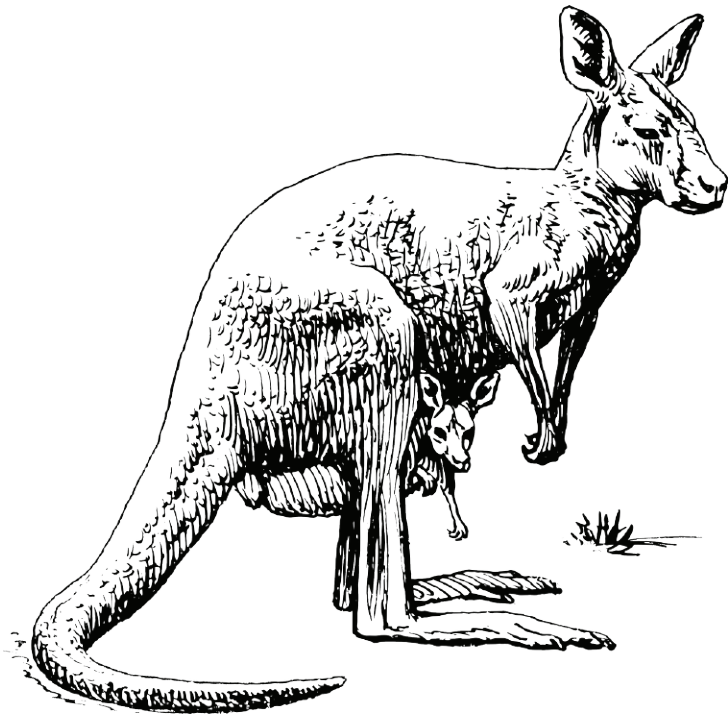
(Mark the correct answer with a tick.)

- Which of the following best describes a marsupial?
 - A mammal whose young develop in a special pouch in the mother's body.
 - Any mammal that lives in Australia.
 - Any mammal that jumps instead of walking.
- What are young marsupials called?
 - Sheilas
 - Dereks
 - Joeys
- Which of the following characteristics is unique to monotremes?
 - Their young develop in a special pouch in the mother's body.
 - They are able to breathe underwater
 - They are egg-laying mammals.
- How many species of monotreme are there?
 - Two
 - Five
 - Twenty Five
- What type of tree is the koala usually found in?
 - Eucalyptus
 - Acacia
 - Oak



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6. What is the koala's conservation status?
 - A. Endangered
 - B. Least Concern
 - C. Vulnerable
7. What world record does the Tasmanian devil hold?
 - A. Strongest bite force in proportion to body size.
 - B. Loudest calls.
 - C. The most dangerous animal (to humans) in Australia.
8. What is the main reason behind the Tasmanian Devil's Endangered status?
 - A. Habitat loss due to soybean plantations
 - B. Being hunted for food by humans
 - C. Disease
9. Where are red kangaroos found in the wild?
 - A. Europe
 - B. Asia
 - C. Australia
10. What is the name for a group of kangaroos?
 - A. Litter
 - B. Mob
 - C. Herd
11. How many species of wombat are there?
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
12. Which of the following is a characteristic feature of the wombat?
 - A. Backwards-facing pouch
 - B. Long, prehensile tail
 - C. Venomous spines on hind legs
13. Which famous TV animal expert has a species of long-beaked echidna named after him?
 - A. Dingo Dan
 - B. Sir David Attenborough
 - C. Steve Irwin
14. The platypus has a surprising defense mechanism. What is it?
 - A. Venomous spurs on its ankles
 - B. Poison glands on its skin
 - C. Detachable tail that will re-grow if lost
15. The platypus uses what special sense to find food?
 - A. Sonar
 - B. Infrared vision
 - C. Electroreception