

How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails

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18 Australia a long, long time ago. The large, brown
27 kangaroo was from the plains and the smaller, grey
36 kangaroo was from the hills. One day, the grey
45 kangaroo really wanted to eat some wild bush honey
58 so he followed a swarm of bees to their hive in the hole
68 of a rock. The grey kangaroo reached inside and pulled
78 out a handful of gooey honey. It was delicious and
87 now the big, brown kangaroo also wanted some for
97 himself. The grey kangaroo told him to reach his arm
107 right into the back of the hole to get the
112 tastiest honey. The brown kangaroo
120 did this but all he pulled out was
126 a handful of spiders. He had
128 been tricked!



Questions



1. How do you think the grey kangaroo was feeling when he followed the bees?



2. Which was the largest kangaroo?



3. Find and copy the word that means the same as the adjective 'sticky'.

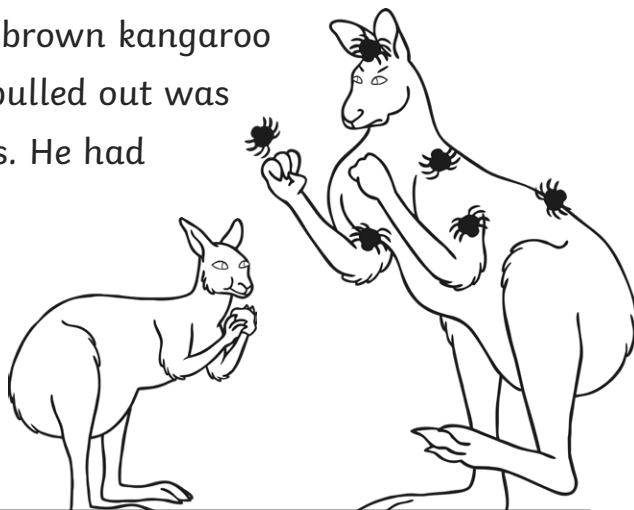


4. Number these events from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- ☐ The brown kangaroo pulled out a handful of spiders.
- ☐ The grey kangaroo followed the bees.
- ☐ The grey kangaroo ate some wild bush honey.

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Answers



1. How do you think the grey kangaroo was feeling when he followed the bees?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the grey kangaroo was feeling hopeful that he would find some honey.



2. Which was the largest kangaroo?

The largest kangaroo was the large, brown kangaroo.



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The grey kangaroo ate some wild bush honey.