

Reading- Bronze (Group 5)

How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails

11 A long, long time ago, two kangaroos lived in the country
20 now known as Australia. The large, brown kangaroo was
30 from the plains and the smaller, grey kangaroo was from
41 the hills. One day, the grey kangaroo really wanted to eat
53 some wild bush honey, so he followed a swarm of bees to
65 their hive in the hole of a rock. The grey kangaroo reached
76 inside and pulled out a handful of gooey honey. It was
85 delicious and now the big, brown kangaroo also wanted
95 some for himself. The grey kangaroo told him to reach
108 his arm right into the back of the hole to get the tastiest
113 honey. The brown kangaroo did
121 this but all he pulled out was a
126 handful of spiders. He had
128 been tricked!



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Quick 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 facts 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.

Reading- Silver (Group 3 and 4)

Incredible Invertebrates!

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18 a back bone. Mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish and
29 birds do not fit into this category because they all have
38 vertebrae (spinal bones), but these animals make up less
49 than 4% of all the animal species on Earth. This means
58 that around 96% of animal species alive are invertebrates.
66 These include marine invertebrates and molluscs, such as
75 sponges, jellyfish and oysters, as well as crustaceans and
82 insects, such as crabs, shrimp and butterflies.

91 The largest invertebrate ever recorded was a giant squid
99 that measured 13m long. The smallest invertebrates are
110 so tiny that they cannot be seen by the naked eye.



Quick Questions



1. Write a short definition of the word 'invertebrate'.



2. What percentage of animals on Earth actually have spinal bones?



3. Who do you think this information is for?



4. Write two questions that you could find the answers to in this text.

a. _____

b. _____

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Reading- Gold (Group 4 and 5)

Write at least 5 questions that you can find the answers to in the text.

E.g. What percentage of animals have spinal bones?

Who...?

What...?

Why...?

Where...?

How...?