My Kangaroo Fact File

Read the kangaroo fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a kangaroo

Kangaroo facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. marsupial ____	A. a member of the kangaroo family; the name means "big feet"
2. joey ____	B. a group of kangaroos
3. macropod ____	C. when a tiny unborn baby pauses its growth until the time is right
4. mob ____	D. a baby kangaroo or other baby marsupial
5. embryonic diapause ____	E. a mammal whose babies grow in a pouch on the mother's body

The most amazing thing I learned about kangaroos

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Answer Key

Kangaroo Fact File

Kangaroo facts

Scientific name:	Red kangaroo: Osphranter rufus
Size:	Males up to ~6.6 ft (2 m) tall
Weight:	Males up to ~200 lb (92 kg)
Lifespan:	About 9–13 years in the wild
Diet:	Grasses, herbs and shrub leaves
Habitat:	Open plains, grassland, shrubland
Where:	Dry inland mainland Australia
Status:	IUCN Least Concern (assessed 2015)

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–E, 2–D, 3–A, 4–B, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- A newborn kangaroo joey is about the size of a jelly bean.
- A red kangaroo can hop about 25 feet (7.6 m) in a single bound.
- Red kangaroos can reach about 35 mph (56 km/h) in short bursts.