

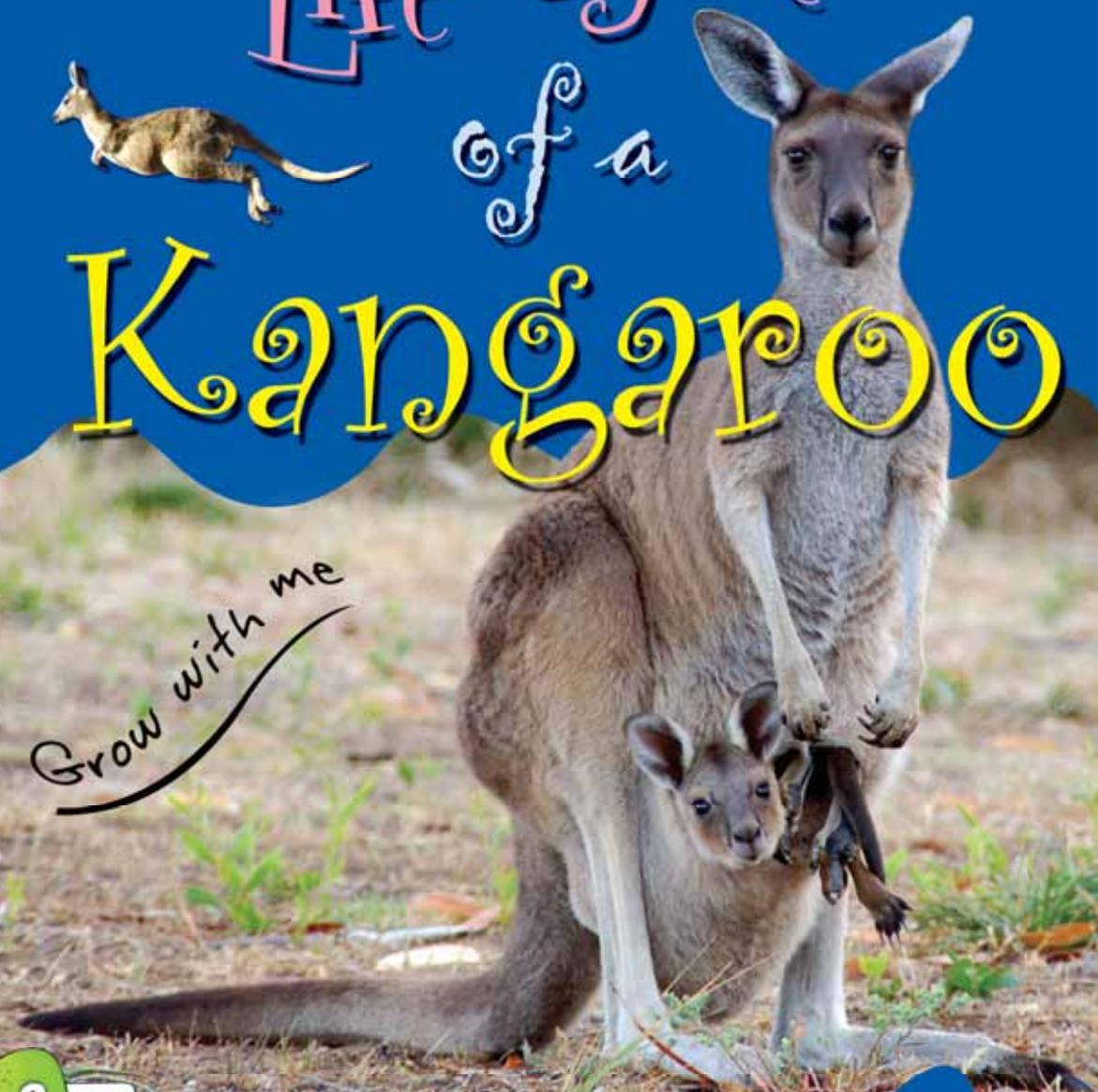
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Jumping jacks

If one had to decide on the cutest looking jumping champion, the title would surely go to the kangaroo. This animal simply cannot walk around, it can only jump! A kangaroo has strong hind legs, or back legs, and it uses these to jump around.

Let's find out More...

A kangaroo is a macropod. The term 'macropod' is derived from Greek and means 'one with a long foot'.



The kangaroo has a strong tail, which is used almost like an extra leg. When a kangaroo is born, it cannot jump at all. It can barely manage to crawl. So how does it become an awesome jumping jack when it grows up?



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Human beings are using the land meant for kangaroos by building houses or using it as farmland.



Hopping around is an easy way of travelling long distances for a kangaroo.

Fancy family

The kangaroo is a marsupial—an animal with a pouch for carrying the young ones. The mother kangaroo carries her little baby wherever it goes. The word ‘kangaroo’ comes from the aboriginal word ‘gungurru’ for the grey kangaroo. However, the English settlers in Australia pronounced it as kangaroo, and used the name for all types of kangaroos.



The grey kangaroo is found in eastern Australia.



The red kangaroo is the largest surviving marsupial in the world.



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Small kangaroos are hunted by cats, dingoes, and foxes, but the biggest danger to kangaroos is from hunting by humans.



There are as many as sixty different types of kangaroos. The red kangaroo is the biggest kangaroo, followed by the grey kangaroo. Then come the wallaroos. The rat kangaroo and the wallabies are quite small in size.

The soft, woolly fur of a wallaby may be grey, brown, red or almost black in colour.



Let's find out More...

You can tell a kangaroo by its nose! A grey kangaroo has a nose covered with hair except for a band around the nostrils. If you see a kangaroo that has a nose with a large bare patch around it, you've met the wallaroo.

Growing up

Every living thing grows from a baby into an adult. As an adult, it will also produce its own babies. Like human beings, baby animals also carry the features of their parents. This way, the circle of life continues.

A newborn kangaroo weighs less than two grams.



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Some people kill kangaroos for meat or to make bags out of their skins.



Different creatures have different life cycles. Some start their life in the form of eggs while others as tiny babies. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. A joey usually cuddles up close to its mother in the pouch till it becomes strong enough to come out and jump on its own!

Let's find out **More...**

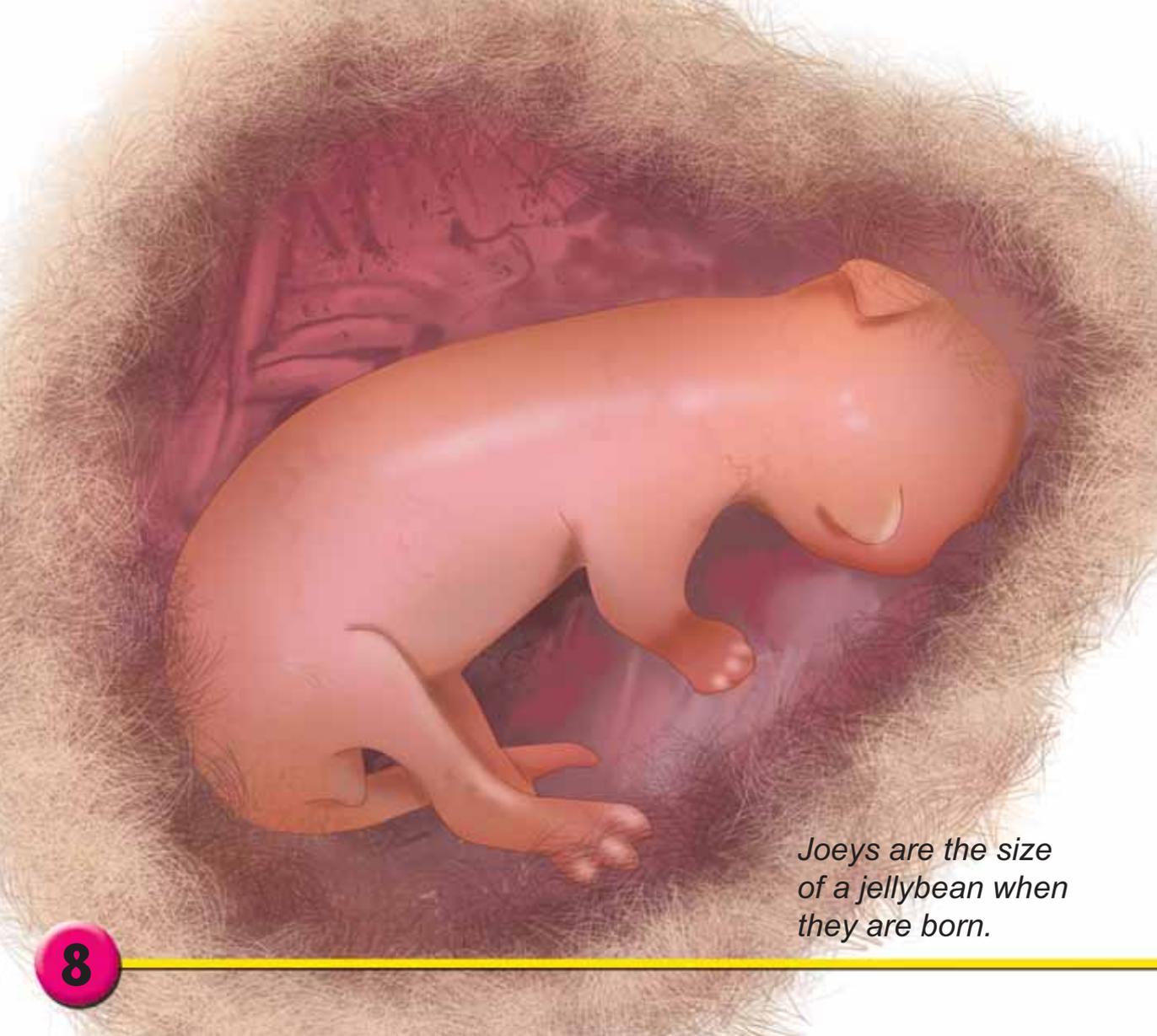
Kangaroos do not sweat. They lick their forearms, and let the evaporation cool their body!



Marvellous ma!

A joey is tiny, pink, and hairless when it is born, and about two centimetres long. Not a bit like a champion jumper. It has tiny front legs and no signs of those strong back legs.

As soon as it is born, the joey uses its already clawed and well developed front legs to crawl up to its mother and enter the pouch to stay safe and warm!



Joeys are the size of a jellybean when they are born.

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