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Challenge
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World
Magnifier

WHAT animal travels by hopping on its hind legs? Yes, it is the kangaroo! Kangaroos have huge back legs and strong tails. They can bound along at about 70 km/h (like a car on the highway). This week, let's learn more about this interesting animal.



(Xinhua)

Hopping all day long



Kan · ga · roo!

Its habitat

THE kangaroo is a **symbol** of Australia. There are over 60 species of kangaroos and most of them are found only in Australia. Kangaroos live in grasslands. They feed mostly on grass and leaves. Some kangaroos are also found in Papua New Guinea.



WHEN European explorers first came across these **bouncy** animals in Australia, they asked an Australian **Aborigine** what they were. The Aborigine said "kangaroo", which meant "I don't understand" in his language. However, the explorers thought the animal was actually called "kangaroo"!

Its pouch

EACH female kangaroo has a **pouch** on her belly. The pouch is a safe place for her baby. A **newborn** kangaroo is only the size of a peanut. It stays inside its mother's pouch for 30 weeks until it grows big enough. What is a young kangaroo called?



(AFP)

Vocabulary

hind (adj) 後方的
bound (v) 跳躍
highway (n) 公路
symbol (n) 象徵

bouncy (adj) 彈力足的
Aborigine (n) 土著
pouch (n) 小袋
newborn (adj) 新生的

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