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A Joey Climbs Into the Pouch

Circle group

A baby kangaroo is a joey. At birth, it is very tiny. It has no fur. It cannot see yet.

The tiny joey climbs up its mother's tummy. It crawls into her pouch. The pouch is a warm pocket. The joey drinks milk and grows.

After many months, the joey peeks out. Soon it hops out and back in. At last, it is big enough to stay out. It hops by its mother.

Questions

1. What is a baby kangaroo called?

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2. Where does the joey climb?

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3. What does the joey drink?

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4. What does the joey do after many months?

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5. Why is the pouch good for a tiny joey?

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Words to know

joey: a baby kangaroo
pouch: a pocket of skin on a mother kangaroo
tummy: the front part of the body, where food goes
crawl: to move on your hands and knees or very low

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

A baby kangaroo is called a joey. When a joey is born, it is very tiny. It has no fur. It cannot see yet.

The tiny joey climbs up its mother's tummy. It crawls into her pouch. The pouch is a warm pocket of skin. Inside, the joey drinks milk and grows.

After many months, the joey pokes its head out. It looks at the world. Soon it hops out for a short time and hops back in. At last the joey is big enough to stay out. It hops along beside its mother.

Questions

1. What is a baby kangaroo called?

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2. Where does the tiny joey climb?

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3. What does the joey drink in the pouch?

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4. What does the joey do after many months?

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5. Why is the pouch a good place for a tiny joey?

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Square group

A baby kangaroo is called a joey. When a joey is born, it is extremely tiny. It has no fur, and it cannot see yet.

The tiny joey climbs up its mother's tummy and crawls into her pouch, which is a warm pocket of skin. Inside the pouch, the joey drinks milk and grows.

After many months, the joey pokes its head out and gazes at the world. Before long, it hops out for a short time and then hops back in. Eventually the joey is big enough to stay outside, and it hops along beside its mother.

Questions

1. What is a baby kangaroo called?

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2. Where does the tiny joey crawl after it climbs up its mother's tummy?

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3. What does the joey drink inside the pouch?

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4. What does the joey do after many months in the pouch?

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5. Why is the pouch such a good place for a tiny joey?

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For the teacher: A Joey Climbs Into the Pouch

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: A Joey Climbs Into the Pouch

Easier · 73 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. A joey.
2. Into its mother's pouch.
3. Milk.
4. It peeks out of the pouch.
5. It is warm, and the joey can drink milk and grow.

Triangle: A Joey Climbs Into the Pouch

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. A joey.
2. Into its mother's pouch.
3. Milk.
4. It pokes its head out and looks at the world.
5. It is warm, and the joey can drink milk and grow there.

Square: A Joey Climbs Into the Pouch

Harder · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.2

1. A joey.
2. Into her pouch.
3. Milk.
4. It pokes its head out and gazes at the world.
5. It is a warm pocket where the joey can drink milk and grow.