

Having a pet can be fun. It is also hard work. Pets need care to stay healthy and happy.

What Pets Need

Pets need healthy food to eat. You must give your pet clean water every day. It needs a good place to sleep. You must clean up after it, too. It is important to spend time with your pet. If you have a pet dog, you must take it for walks.

A Doctor for Your Pet

A pet doctor is called a vet. A vet can tell you if your pet needs special care. If a pet gets sick, the vet can help you take care of it.

Pets are hard work, but they make very special friends.

*Pets need lots of love.
It makes them feel
happy and safe.*



1. Which of these is true?

- (A) Pets need clean water every day.
- (B) Pets do not need to sleep.
- (C) Having a pet is never hard work.

Underline the sentence where you found the answer.

3. A vet is a _____.

- (A) bed for dogs
- (B) pet doctor
- (C) kind of dog

Circle the sentence that helped you answer the question.

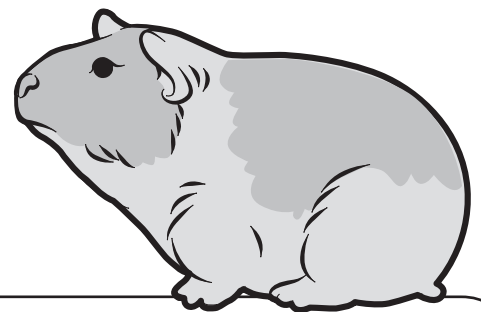
5. Why do pets need love?

2. This passage is mostly about _____.

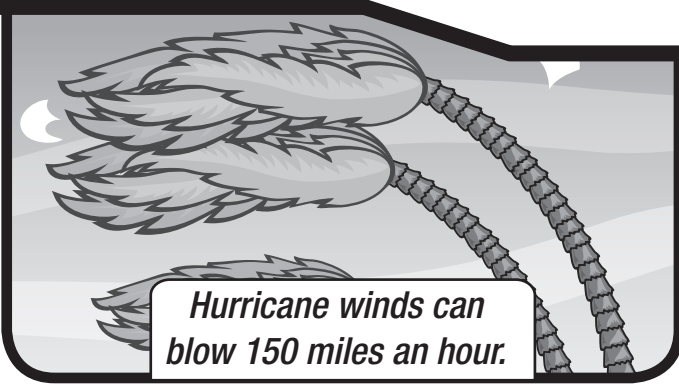
- (A) dogs
- (B) vets
- (C) pet care

4. Which pet needs to go for walks?

- (A) cat
- (B) rabbit
- (C) dog



Dangerous Storms



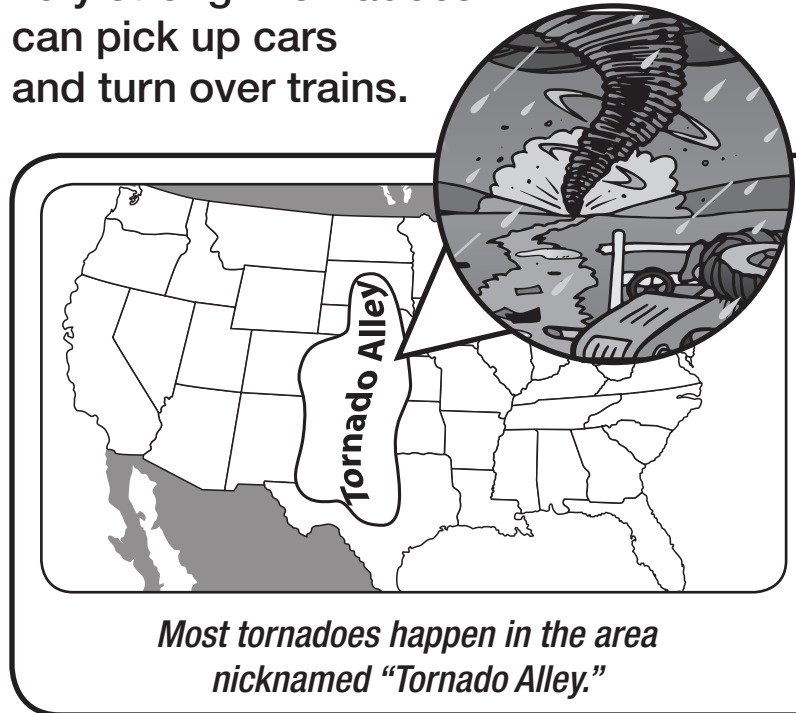
Farmers might wish for rain, but no one wishes for a hurricane or a tornado! These powerful storms can harm towns and farms.

Storms from the Sea

Hurricanes start over warm ocean water. Strong winds blow in a giant circle. The storm can be 1,200 miles across! When the storm moves over land, it brings heavy rain. Sometimes there are floods.

Danger from the Sky

Tornadoes are fast, spinning winds. They start over land. Tornadoes are less than a mile across, but they are very strong. Tornadoes can pick up cars and turn over trains.



1. _____ begin over land.

- (A) Hurricanes
- (B) Floods
- (C) Tornadoes

Underline the place where you found the answer.

3. The author wants to _____.

- (A) tell readers about storms
- (B) teach readers how to be farmers
- (C) make people want to take train trips

2. Tornado Alley is in the _____ of the United States.

- (A) westernmost part
- (B) center
- (C) eastern part

Circle the area where you found the answer.

4. Which storms may bring floods?

- (A) hurricanes
- (B) tornadoes
- (C) both

5. Why are hurricanes and tornadoes dangerous?

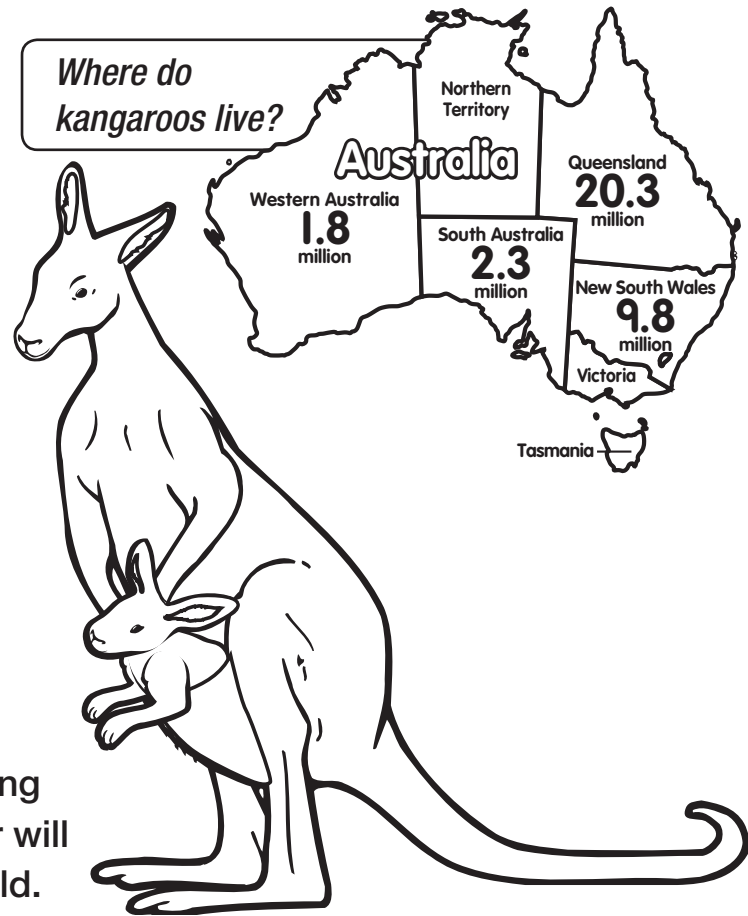
Life Cycle of a Kangaroo

A baby kangaroo grows inside its mother for about a month before it is born. When it is born, it looks more like a jelly bean than an animal. That's because a kangaroo is born before it is done developing.

The tiny baby is called a pouch embryo (EM-bree-oh). This means it is in its early stages. Its body is formed just enough to let it crawl inside its mother's pouch.

Once inside the pouch, the pouch embryo will continue to grow. It will stay there, drinking its mother's milk, for the next seven to 10 months.

After 11 months, the baby will leave its mother's pouch for good. It will look like a young kangaroo. It is now a joey. Usually, the mother will continue to feed the joey until it is 18 months old.



1. Where do the most kangaroos live?

- (A) New South Wales
- (B) Queensland
- (C) Western Australia

Circle the place where you found the answer.

3. When does a baby kangaroo leave its mother's pouch?

- (A) at seven months old
- (B) after 18 months
- (C) after 11 months

2. Before it's a joey, a kangaroo is a _____.

- (A) pouch embryo
- (B) mother kangaroo
- (C) jelly bean

Underline the sentence that helped you answer the question.

4. What do pouch embryos eat?

- (A) grass
- (B) jelly beans
- (C) milk

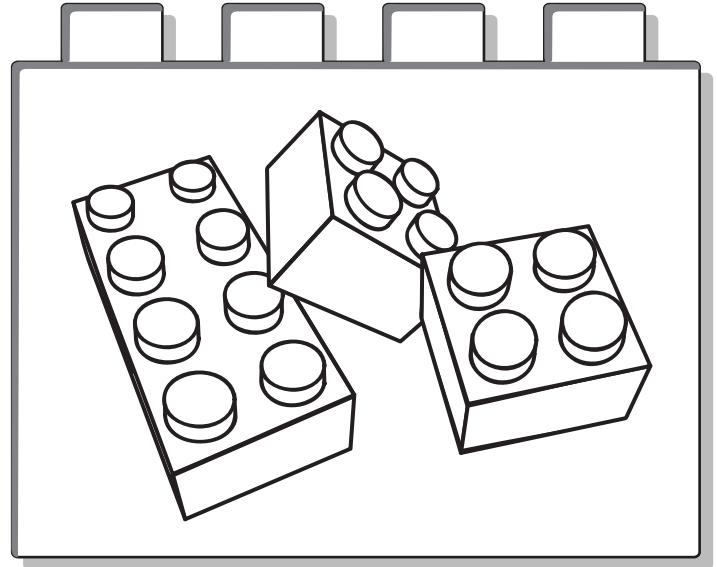
5. What can you learn about kangaroos from the map?

In 1932, a Danish carpenter named Ole Kirk Christiansen began making wooden toys, ladders, and other things. He called his company LEGO, from the Danish words “leg godt,” meaning “play well.”

Christiansen’s company made wooden things for almost 20 years. Then, in 1958, it tried something new. The company came up with one of its most popular toys: toy bricks that could snap together. They were called “LEGO bricks.” Later, the company began to make LEGO playsets, like castles and ships. These sets came with directions on how to build each one.

Since then, the company has grown to include LEGOLAND® amusement parks. All the buildings, landscapes, and vehicles at the parks are built using LEGO bricks.

Today, the LEGO Group is one of the largest toy-makers in the world.



Six same-color, eight-stud LEGO bricks can be put together more than 900 million ways!

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1. How many ways can six eight-stud LEGO bricks be put together?

- (A) 900
- (B) 900 million
- (C) 900 billion

Circle the place where you found the answer.

3. This passage is mostly about _____.

- (A) how to build models with LEGO bricks
- (B) LEGOLAND amusement parks
- (C) the history of LEGO bricks

5. Why do you think LEGO bricks are popular?

2. “LEGO” comes from Danish for _____.

- (A) wooden toy
- (B) little brick
- (C) play well

Underline the sentence that helped you answer the question.

4. Why are LEGOLAND parks unusual?

- (A) The buildings are made of LEGO bricks.
- (B) Every visitor has to build something.
- (C) Only children are allowed to go inside.