

# How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails

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18 Australia a long, long time ago. The large, brown  
27 kangaroo was from the plains and the smaller, grey  
36 kangaroo was from the hills. One day, the grey  
45 kangaroo really wanted to eat some wild bush honey  
58 so he followed a swarm of bees to their hive in the hole  
68 of a rock. The grey kangaroo reached inside and pulled  
78 out a handful of gooey honey. It was delicious and  
87 now the big, brown kangaroo also wanted some for  
97 himself. The grey kangaroo told him to reach his arm  
107 right into the back of the hole to get the  
112 tastiest honey. The brown kangaroo  
120 did this but all he pulled out was  
126 a handful of spiders. He had  
128 been tricked!



## Questions



1. How do you think the grey kangaroo was feeling when he followed the bees?

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2. Which was the largest kangaroo?

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3. Find and copy the word that means the same as the adjective 'sticky'.

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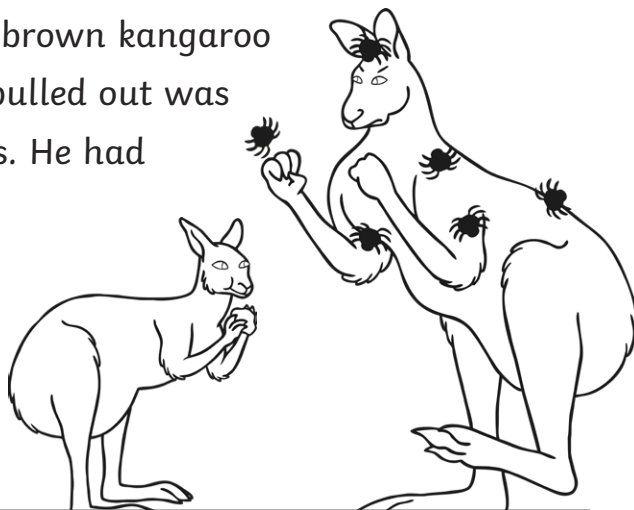


4. Number these events from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- ☐ The brown kangaroo pulled out a handful of spiders.
- ☐ The grey kangaroo followed the bees.
- ☐ The grey kangaroo ate some wild bush honey.

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## Answers



1. How do you think the grey kangaroo was feeling when he followed the bees?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the grey kangaroo was feeling hopeful that he would find some honey.**



2. Which was the largest kangaroo?

**The largest kangaroo was the large, brown kangaroo.**



3. Find and copy the word that means the same as the adjective 'sticky'.

**gooey**



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**1**

The grey kangaroo followed the bees.

**2**

The grey kangaroo ate some wild bush honey.