



joke box

Q: What animal eats words?

A: A Bookworm!

~Georgia, Age 11

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Wacky Facts

Can you tell which one of these wacky facts is **NOT** true?

- A. A polar bear's skin is black and its fur is white.
- B. A snail can sleep for 3 years.
- C. A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- D. Starfish do not have brains.



Answer: A - polar bear's skin is black. Its fur is not white, but actually clear.

Did You Know?

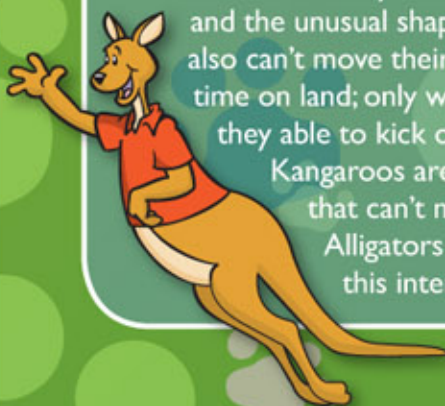
Did you know that kangaroos can only move forwards but not backwards?

Kangaroos, found mostly in Australia, are the largest living marsupial. A kangaroo moves by hopping on its strong hind legs. To balance its body while hopping, a kangaroo uses its thick long tail. If you lift its tail off the ground, a kangaroo can't hop. A kangaroo can hop at almost 40 miles an hour! It can also jump over obstacles up to 10 feet high.

However, a kangaroo can't walk or move backwards easily because of its bulky tail and the unusual shape of its legs. They also can't move their back feet one at a time on land; only while swimming are they able to kick one foot at a time.

Kangaroos aren't the only animals that can't move backwards.

Alligators and emus also share this interesting trait.



Try This Out!

Bean Bag Balls

What you'll need:

- 3 balloons
- 3/4 cup dry lentil beans
- Funnel
- Scissors



Blow up the first balloon to stretch it out, but don't tie it! Let out the air and use the funnel to help fill the balloon with the beans. Use scissors to carefully snip off the balloon's thick rubber lip. Cut the neck off a second balloon and gently stretch the opening. Ease the second balloon over the filled balloon, tucking in the neck as you go. Cut the neck off the third balloon, stretch the opening, and ease it over the other two. Have fun squishing the ball you made yourself!

Kirby's Adventures

Kirby loses a tooth!

One morning while Kirby was eating breakfast, he bit into a crisp apple and his tooth fell out!

"Wow!" said Kirby with excitement. "I lost my first tooth!"

"Be sure to put your tooth under your pillow tonight," said Kirby's mother. "The Tooth Fairy will bring you a surprise."

"A surprise?!" Kirby exclaimed. "I can't wait for bedtime now!" That night, after Kirby put his tooth under his pillow, he lay awake too excited to sleep. As his mind wandered, Kirby's eyes became heavy and he drifted off to sleep. The next morning Kirby hopped out of bed and lifted his pillow, revealing a \$5 bill.

"Mom! Dad!" Kirby shouted. "The Tooth Fairy brought me \$5 for my tooth! I'm going to go to the candy store to spend it!"

"The Tooth Fairy won't be very happy if you spend your tooth money on candy! Don't you think you should save it?" asked Kirby's father.

"If you put your Tooth Fairy money into your credit union savings account, you will have lots of money to purchase something you really want," said Kirby's mother.

"I have wanted a new video game for a while," said Kirby. So Kirby's parents took him to the credit union and deposited his new \$5 bill into his savings account. Before they left, the teller let Kirby choose a sucker from her candy jar.

"Awesome!" thought Kirby! "I saved my money and got some candy too!"



