

# Marsupials: Kangaroos & Koalas — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- Marsupials are mammals that raise their tiny young in a pouch.
- Australia is home to most of the world's marsupials.
- A baby kangaroo, called a joey, is born tiny and grows in the pouch.
- Koalas, wombats and Tasmanian devils are all marsupials.

## Key vocabulary

- Marsupial — a mammal that raises young in a pouch.
- Joey — a baby marsupial.
- Pouch — the skin pocket where the young grow.
- Mammal — a warm-blooded animal that feeds its young milk.

## Growing in a pouch

Unlike most mammals, marsupial babies are born very tiny and undeveloped, then climb into the pouch to keep growing safely while feeding on milk.

## Why Australia?

Australia's long isolation let marsupials thrive here when they died out in many other places.