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## A Walk in the Grass

It was a pretty day. Turtle and Mouse were going for a walk in the grass.

As they walked along, Turtle said to Mouse, "I am sorry. I am so slow."

Mouse said, "That's all right. I don't mind slowing down to walk with you."

They walked a little farther, and they stopped under a big oak tree. An acorn fell on Turtle's shell.

Mouse said, "Oh, no! Did that acorn hurt you?"

"No," said Turtle. "My hard shell kept me safe. It's better that it fell on me and not on you."

They were both happy to have such a good friend.

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1. This story is about

- A. Turtle and the oak tree.
  - B. Turtle and Mouse.
  - C. Mouse and the acorn.
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2. The word don't means

- A. do.
  - B. did not.
  - C. do not.
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3. The word that means the opposite of slow is

- A. fast.
  - B. tired.
  - C. walk.
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## Mother Kangaroo

A mother kangaroo carries her babies in her pouch. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. A joey is very tiny when it is born only about the size of a jelly bean. The tiny joey remains in its mother's pouch where it drinks milk and grows stronger for six months. When the joey leaves the pouch, it has to be able to keep up with mom and the mob. Kangaroos live in groups called mobs. Kangaroos can hop as fast as forty miles per hour so it is not always easy to keep up with the mob! Tired and hungry joeys often hop headfirst back into mom's pouch for a snack, a nap, or a ride.

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4. Which of the following happens FIRST?

- A. The joey leaves the pouch.
  - B. A joey is born.
  - C. The joey runs with the mob.
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5. Which of the following happens LAST?

- A. The mother kangaroo carries the joey in her pouch.
  - B. The joey learns to keep up with the mob.
  - C. The joey stays in the pouch for the first six months.
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6. What is this story about?

- A. Baby kangaroos need milk and sleep.
  - B. Baby kangaroos are soon too large to live in the pouch.
  - C. A pouch is home to a baby kangaroo.
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7. A new baby kangaroo

- A. has to keep up with the mob.
  - B. is only as big as a jelly bean.
  - C. can hop forty miles per hour.
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8. A joey doesn't usually leave the pouch until

- A. it is six months old.
  - B. it can run faster than its mother.
  - C. a new joey is born.
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9. When the tired joey returns to mom's pouch, he probably feels

- A. ready to play.
  - B. too old to return to his mother.
  - C. glad to take a rest.
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10. Which of these is NOT true?

- A. Joeys are very large when they are born.
- B. Baby kangaroos are called joeys.
- C. Kangaroos can hop forty miles per hour.

**Answer Key**

1. B) Turtle and Mouse.
2. C) do not.
3. A) fast.
4. B) A joey is born.
5. B) The joey learns to keep up with the mob.
6. C) A pouch is home to a baby kangaroo.
7. B) is only as big as a jelly bean.
8. A) it is six months old.
9. C) glad to take a rest.
10. A) Joeys are very large when they are born.