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KANGAROO SPECIES

TABLE COMPLETION

1 Look at the table and decide whether you need to find words or numbers.

2 SCAN the text to find key words or synonyms from the table.

NB. All the information you need will be in the same order as the questions.

3 Complete the table with words or numbers **COPIED DIRECTLY** from the text.



suggested time
9 minutes

TASK

Look at the text on “Kangaroo Species” on the following page and complete the table below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **1 – 6** on your answer sheet.

REMEMBER

Articles (*a, an, the*) aren't usually necessary when you are completing tables.

It's also a good idea double-check the order of the questions in the table however and make sure you have written your answers in the right order!

Species of kangaroo	Natural habitat	Geographical range	Typical height of male	Weight of large male
Red	Arid and	Most of the 1) _____	1.5m	55 to 90 kg
Eastern Grey	woodlands and farmland	The 2) _____ part of the country	-	3) _____ kg
Antilopine	4) _____ and woodlands	From the 5) _____ to tropical regions	6) _____	49 kg

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- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

Kangaroo Species

1 The red kangaroo is the largest surviving marsupial anywhere in the world. It occupies the arid and semi-arid centre of the country. Although their geographical range covers most of the Australian interior, the highest population densities of the red kangaroo occur in the rangelands of western New South Wales. Red kangaroos are commonly mistaken as the most abundant species of kangaroo, but eastern greys actually have a larger population. The eastern grey kangaroo is less well-known than the red (outside Australia), but the most often seen, as its range the fertile eastern part of the country. Population densities of eastern grey kangaroos usually peak near 100 per km² in suitable habitats of open woodlands. Populations are more limited in areas of land clearance, such as farmland, where forest and woodland habitats are limited in size or abundance. The antilopine kangaroo is, essentially, the far northern equivalent of the grey kangaroos. It is a creature of the grassy plains and woodlands, and gregarious. Its name comes from its fur, which is similar in colour and texture to that of antelopes. Characteristically, the noses of males swell behind the nostrils. This enlarges nasal passages and allows them to release more heat in hot and humid climates. Their distribution range extends inland from the northern coast of the continent, narrowly extending to a wider range at tropical regions.

20 Red males grow up to an average head-and-body length of around 1.5 m. With a tail that adds a further 1.2 m to the total length. Large mature males can stand more than 1.8 m tall, with the largest confirmed one having been around 2.1 m tall. Females are considerably smaller, with a head-and-body length of 85–105 cm and tail length of 65–85 cm. Females can weigh from 18 to 40 kg, while males typically weigh about twice as much at 55 to 90 kg. An eastern grey male typically masses around 50 to 66 kg whereas females commonly weigh around 17 to 40 kg. They have a powerful tail that is over 1 m long in adult males. Large males of this species are more heavily built and muscled than the lankier red kangaroo and can occasionally exceed normal dimensions. One of these, shot in eastern Tasmania weighed 82 kg, with a 2.64 m total length from nose to tail (possibly along the curves). The largest known specimen, examined by Lydekker, had a weight of 91 kg and measured 2.92 m along the curves. When the skin of this specimen was measured it had a "flat" length of 2.49 m. Measurements of the Antilopine head and body combined is around 1.2 metres for males, with a tail to 900 mm, and no longer than 840 mm for females, whose tails are up to 700 mm. Their standing height, from the crown of the head to the ground, is approximately 1.1 metres. The female may weigh up to 20 kilograms, and males may be over twice this weight at 49 kg.