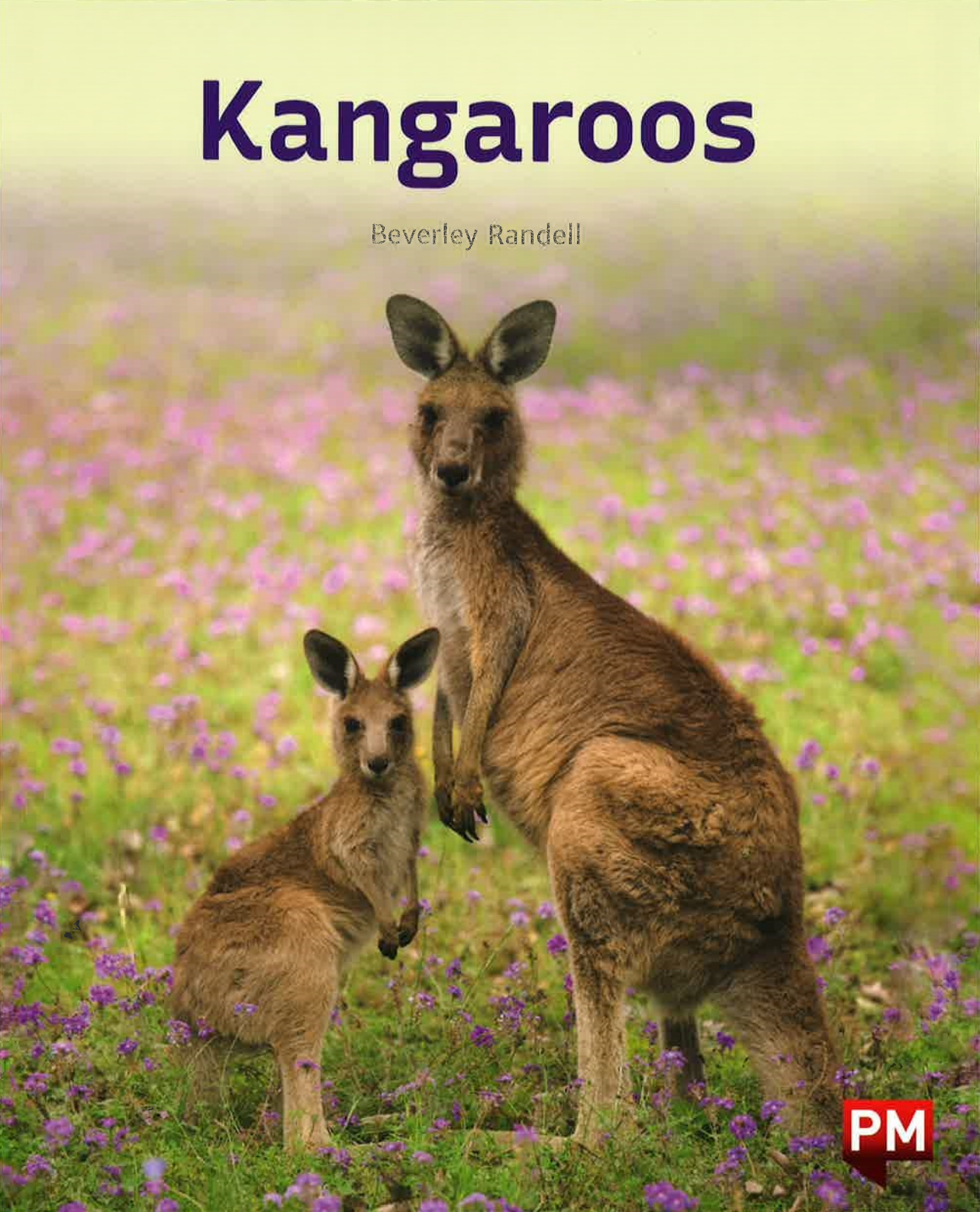
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Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 How do kangaroos move about?

2 Where does a baby kangaroo stay when it is young?

3 How does a joey get into its mother's pouch from the ground?

4 Why does a mother kangaroo sometimes leave her joey in long grass?

Inferential

5 Why do kangaroos need to have strong legs?

6 Why does a joey stay in its mother's pouch when it is very small?

7 Why do kangaroos have to keep finding new places to feed?

8 Why do kangaroos feed late at night, first thing in the morning or late in the day?

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Kangaroos

Kangaroos are big animals
that jump on two feet.

They are **marsupials**.
A marsupial is an animal that has a **pouch**.
A baby kangaroo grows
in its mother's pouch.



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Kangaroos live in Australia.

Lots of kangaroos that live together are called a **mob**.



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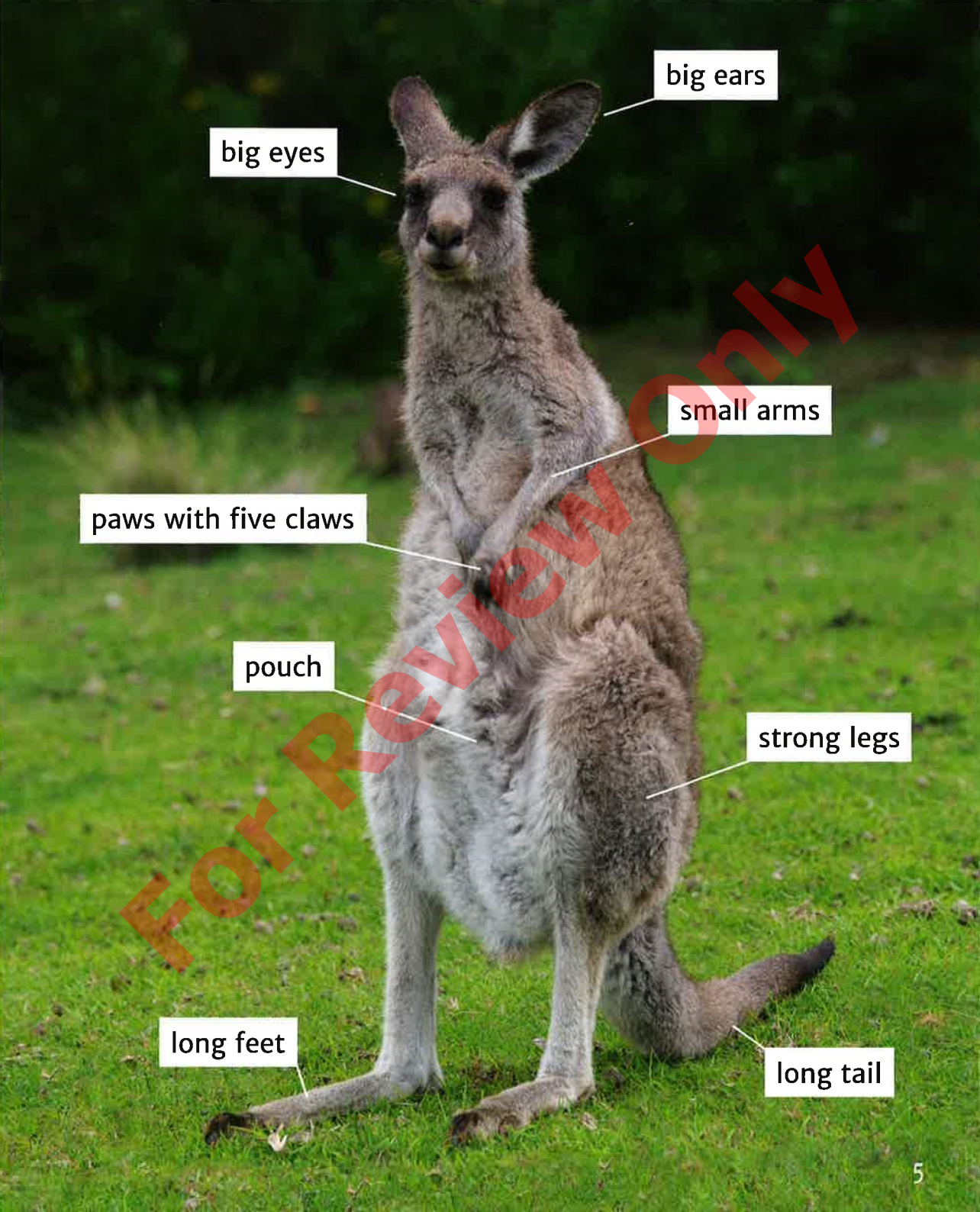
What Kangaroos Look Like

Kangaroos have two big eyes
and two big ears.
They have short hair.
The hair can be red, grey or brown.

Kangaroos have two strong legs
and two long feet.
They have two small arms
and two paws.
Each paw has five claws.

Kangaroos have long tails.
Their tails go up and down as they jump.

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Joeys

A baby kangaroo is called a joey.

As soon as the tiny joey is born,
it holds on to its mother's fur
and pulls itself up to her pouch.
Inside the pouch, it can drink milk.

When the joey gets a bit bigger,
it pokes its head out of the pouch.

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