

# Activities

## Word Meanings

Circle the answer for the words that have a similar meaning to words from “Sing-Song of the Old Man Kangaroo.”

### woolly

“He was grey and woolly, with four short legs.”

- A. smooth and shiny, like silk
- B. long and sharp, like wire
- C. thick and curly, like wool
- D. light and airy, like a cloud

### boastful

“He was very boastful...”

- A. full of pride
- B. full of sadness
- C. full of anger
- D. full of water

### shenanigans

“Nialuwa was tired of the old Kangaroo’s shenanigans...”

- A. demands
- B. questions
- C. talking
- D. silly behavior

### gums

“The old Kangaroo ran and ran on his four legs, through the desert, through the mountains, through the salt-pans, the reed-beds and the blue gums...”

- A. rivers
- B. flowers
- C. trees
- D. weeds

### hind

“He tucked up his front legs, hopped on his hind legs and stuck out his tail for balance...”

- A. front
- B. back
- C. tired
- D. big

## Fill in the missing words

Write the correct word in the blank.

1. Nialuwa sent Dingo or the dog to run after Kangaroo.
2. Kangaroo wanted everything done by 5 o’clock.
3. Kangaroo hopped through the river.
4. Kangaroo wanted to be different from the other animals.

## Who was it?

Circle the correct answer.

Who wanted to be well-loved?

- A. Dingo    B. Nialuwa    C. Nia    **D. Kangaroo**

Who got tired of the kangaroo’s shenanigans?

- A. Dingo    **B. Nialuwa**    C. Nia    D. Kangaroo

Who said “Go away!” to Kangaroo

- A. Dingo    B. Nialuwa    **C. Nia**    D. Kangaroo

## Secret Code of Nialuwa

Use the secret code numbers to spell out a sentence about “The Sing-Song of the Old Man Kangaroo.”

**D I N G O    C H A S E D**  
4   9   14   7   15       3   8   1   19   5   4

**K A N G A R O O .**  
11   1   14   7   1   18   15   15

### Code Key

|       |       |        |        |        |        |        |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 = A | 5 = E | 9 = I  | 13 = M | 17 = Q | 21 = U | 25 = Y |
| 2 = B | 6 = F | 10 = J | 14 = N | 18 = R | 22 = V | 26 = Z |
| 3 = C | 7 = G | 11 = K | 15 = O | 19 = S | 23 = W |        |
| 4 = D | 8 = H | 12 = L | 16 = P | 20 = T | 24 = X |        |