How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails

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Quick Questions

1. How do you think the grey kangaroo was feeling when he followed the bees?

2. Which was the largest kangaroo?

3. Find and copy the word that means the same as the adjective 'sticky'.

4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.
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   - The grey kangaroo followed the bees.
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   Accept any sensible answer linked to the text, e.g. Hopeful that he would find some honey.

2. Which was the largest kangaroo?
   the (large) brown kangaroo

3. Find and copy the word that means the same as the adjective ‘sticky’.
   gooey

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