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| **Lesson Title:** Reading Comprehension | | **Theme:** Reading | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-135 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to:  1. Improve on your reading skills.  2. Learn and add new words to your vocabulary list. | | | |

**Overview**

**Reading comprehension** is the ability to understand what you read. Reading is very important for your daily life. Reading helps you get information about events, learn new things and communicate with other people.

One of the benefits of reading is adding new words to your vocabulary. The following words can help you when reading the passage below.

* **hind**: at or near the back
* **approximately**: about, almost exactly
* **keep to**: stay with
* **die down**: become less
* **scarce**: rare / hard to find
* **wander**: move around for no reason or purpose

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Read the following pasage and answer the comprehension questions.

Kangaroos

Kangaroos belong to the animal family Macropus, which means ‘big foot’. Kangaroos have very powerful hind legs, a long, strong tail, and small front legs. They use their tail for balance when they are jumping. Because of their strong hind legs kangaroos can jump up to nine metres in one leap!

Kangaroos live in eastern Australia. They live together in small family groups called ‘troops’ or ‘herds’. Each ‘troop’ has approximately 50 members and usually keeps to its own district. But in the hot, dry weather, the grass dies down and food is scarce, and kangaroos often have to wander great distances in search of food and water.

**Comprehension questions**

1. What do kangaroos use their tails for?
2. Describe what a kangaroo looks like.
3. Where are kangaroos found?
4. What does ‘Macropus’ mean?
5. What struggles do kangaroos have sometimes?

**Activity 2**

Match the correct vocabulary word to the sentence it completes.

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| 1. Water is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the dry desert. 2. You have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fifteen minutes until we have to leave for school. 3. If you are not watching him closely, my little brother will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off. 4. When the laughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was quiet. 5. My family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves a lot. | 1. approximately 2. keeps to 3. died down 4. scarce 5. wander |

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**Activity 1**

1. Kangaroos use their tails to balance when they jump.
2. A kangaroo has powerful hind legs and small front legs, with a long tail.
3. Kangaroos are found in eastern Australia.
4. Macropus means ‘big foot’.
5. In hot weather they can have a hard time finding food because the grass dies from the heat.

**Activity 2**

1. d 2. a 3. e 4. c 5. b