

Marsupials

Directions: Use words from the story to finish the summary below.

A **marsupial** is an animal that has a **pouch**. The pouch is mostly used to **carry babies**.

When a baby marsupial is born, the tiny animal must **crawl** into its mother's pouch. There it **drinks** its mother's milk and grows. When it is big enough to move on its own, it leaves the pouch. The baby

stays close to its mother. If it becomes afraid, it goes back into her pouch.

A **kangaroo**, a **koala**, and an **opossum** are marsupials. These animals do not look alike. They do not eat the same kind of food, but they all have pouches.

The story is about _____. A marsupial is an animal that has a _____. The pouch is used mostly to _____. When a baby is born, it must _____ to its mother's pouch. Inside the pouch, it _____ and grows.

Name three animals that are marsupials.

