## **GRADE 1**

## **KEY WORDS**

- bandicoot
- marsupial

## STANDARD

• SCI.1.3.1

## **OBJECTIVE**

• Students will learn about the physical characteristics and differences among different species of bandicoots.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- The bandicoot is a rabbit-sized marsupial that gets its name because it resembles both a rat and a pig.
- It has a sharp, pointed nose with rodent-like teeth.
- It has hind feet with fused toes like those of a kangaroo.
- The female's pouch opens to the rear (facing the tail), making it easier for the baby to get in and stay in the pouch.

### **PROCEDURE**

- Talk to your students about bandicoots.
- Have students complete the attached worksheet.

# RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

• Check to be certain students labeled the bandicoots correctly.

### **ANSWERS**

Names in order: pig-footed bandicoot, short-nosed bandicoot, rabbit-eared bandicoot. Feet in order: B, A, C.

#### **EXTENSIONS**

Match North American animals to their Australian counterparts. For example, what North American
animal grazes in meadows and forests like the kangaroo? (white-tailed deer) What North American bird
feeds on seeds like the parakeet? (cardinal) What mammal scavenges for carrion like the Tasmanian
devil? (opossum).









# IT'S A RAT...IT'S A PIG...IT'S A BANDICOOT!

Match the name of the bandicoot to the correct picture.

Write the name on the line below the picture.

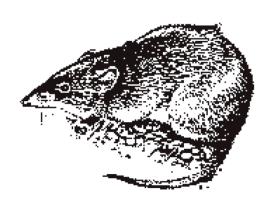


# Choose from these names:

Short-nosed bandicoot, Rabbit-eared bandicoot, Pig-footed bandicoot Next, place the letter that corresponds with that bandicoot's feet on the line below the name.



This bandicoot runs instead of hopping. Its front feet are shaped like the hooves of a pig.



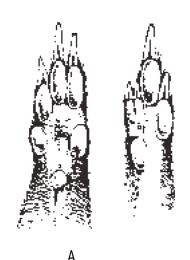
This bandicoot digs for grubs and bulbs. Its front claws are not all the same size.



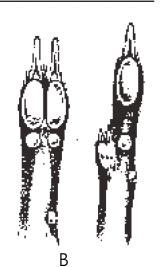
This bandicoot digs holes quite easily with long, almost equal sized claws.

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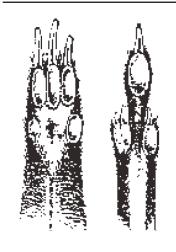
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