IN BRIEF

Jane of the Apes is the true story of Jane Goodall, who grew up to become a climate activist and expert on chimpanzees. This pack is inspired by her love of primates of all kinds and includes many activities about our ape relatives.



1. LITERACY LESSON IDEAS

- If a pupil asks what a certain word or phrase in this month's magazine means, encourage them to look it up in the **Storytime Glossary**. This section lists the definitions of new or unusual words or phrases from this month's magazine. Finding out what a word means by looking it up themselves can give students a feeling of agency and empowerment!

- Jane Goodall devoted her life to the study and protection of apes, and the **Class Discussion Sheet** has questions about our closest relatives in the animal kingdom. What makes these creatures special, how do they differ from us, and what do we have in common with them?

- The extract from the story on the **Reading Comprehension Sheet** has examples of an *alliteration*, a *simile* and even a *compound adjective*. Will your students be able to spot them all?

- How well do your pupils know Jane's story? See if they can put the eleven sections on the **Story Sequencing Sheet** in the right order by numbering them in the order in which they should be read! They should re-read the story if they need to double-check anything.

- Children can retell this month's featured story on the **Storyboard** page. It has space for them to write about what happened to Jane and colourful illustrations from the story that act as prompts and reminders.

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1. LITERACY LESSON IDEAS CONTINUED

- Pupils can demonstrate how much they learned about Jane Goodall by answering the questions on the **Character Sheet: Jane** page. What made her such an interesting person, and would they like to have her as a friend?

- Apes have facial expressions, just like humans do! The **Name the Expressions** sheet challenges pupils to identify what a monkey might be feeling in nine pictures. This exercise could lead into a discussion about different emotions and the way in which they can be expressed.

- *Verbs* are words that tell us what people or animals are doing. The **Ape Action!** page has pictures of a monkey performing various activities and a list of different verbs. Can your pupils find the correct verb for each action?

- Once your pupils have learned more about apes and their lives from the science activities in this pack, ask them to write a short story about what such a creature might get up to on the **Write an Ape Adventure!** page!

2. SCIENCE LESSON IDEAS

- Apes and other primates can be found in many corners of the world! Ask pupils to work out where various apes, monkeys and lemurs can be found by matching their pictures with the silhouettes on the **Where Do They Live?** sheet. Which ones have children heard of, and what do they know about them?

- Every ape and monkey is special in its own way, but some are champions! The **Primate Olympics!** page lists record-breaking apes, monkeys and other primates. Can your class think of any other primate record-breakers?

- What is the difference between a monkey and an ape? The **Monkeys Vs. Apes** sheet gives some helpful tips! After your students have read the sheet, you could show them pictures of a variety of primates and ask them to use what they have learned to work out if each one is an *ape* or a *monkey*.

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2. SCIENCE LESSON IDEAS CONTINUED

- The chimpanzee is our closest animal cousin, but how much do we know about these amazing and intelligent creatures? The **Chimpanzee True or False** sheet has ten questions about them. Get your students to complete the quiz before reading out the answers – we're sure some of them will surprise you!

- Chimpanzees are an endangered species, and the **Ape Survival Maze** puzzle teaches students about some of the dangers they face. Ask them to guide a chimp through the maze and see if they manage to make it to a nature reserve where they can live in peace...

3. ART LESSON IDEAS

- Monkeys are cute and awesome, and the **Draw a Monkey!** sheet will show students how to create a picture of one. Once they have followed the instructions, they can colour it in however they like. They could also try to modify the drawing to show an ape, baboon or other primate!

- Jubilee the toy ape is Jane Goodall's favourite toy. He's still around today and has pride of place in Jane's home, though he has lost a lot of his fur! Your pupils can give him a new and colourful coat on the **Colour in Jubilee!** sheet. They don't have to make him plain brown, however! Kids can experiment with colour by using other hues for shading and highlights, or even give him a new and zany look!

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You can look up the meanings of words you don't know here!

Pathfinder Island (Page 6)

- **Voyage:** long journey
- **Hull:** main body of a boat or ship
- **Survive:** live in a difficult situation
- **Uncharted:** not on any map
- **Desert island:** island where no one lives
- **Driftwood:** wood washed up on shore
- **Cord:** thin rope or strong string
- **Ponchos:** clothing made from large pieces of cloth with hole in middle for head
- **Peninsula:** piece of land sticking out into area of water
- **Navigation:** working out which way to go
- **Trailblazer:** someone who leads the way and finds new paths

Forget-Me-Not (Page 11)

- **Palace:** large and important house
- **Admire:** look at something with enjoyment
- **Beauteous:** beautiful
- **Reflection:** image in a shiny surface
- **Fairest:** most beautiful
- **Clambered:** climbed with hands and feet
- **Grip:** hold
- **Stammered:** said in a shaky way
- **Whisked:** quickly carried
- **Crescent:** curve-shaped
- **Forbidden:** not allowed
- **Garland:** ring of flowers
- **Sneaked:** moved carefully to avoid being seen or heard
- **In harmony:** together in a pleasing way

Jane of the Apes (Page 17)

- **Shocked:** surprised and upset
- **Terrify:** frighten
- **Creatures:** living beings
- **Souvenirs:** objects that remind her of where she had been
- **Wardrobe:** tall cupboard for clothes
- **Insisted:** demanded in a determined way
- **Rationed:** only available in limited amounts
- **Hedgerows:** barriers around fields made of bushes and trees
- **Spied on:** watched secretly
- **Companion:** person who stays or travels with someone

The Golden Dragon (Page 22)

- **Warriors:** soldiers
- **Invaded:** entered a place by force
- **Defeated:** beaten in battle
- **Distant:** far away
- **Rippled:** moved like ripples in water
- **Curious:** eager to know something
- **Turrets:** small towers on a castle
- **Bellowed:** roared loudly
- **Magnificent:** beautiful and impressive
- **Muttered:** spoke quietly
- **Apologise:** say sorry
- **Perch:** sit
- **Belfry:** bell tower of a church
- **Indeed:** without any question

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The Bear and the Bees (Page 29)

- **Peckish:** slightly hungry
- **Speckled:** covered with dark spots
- **Rumbled:** said in a deep, growling way
- **Waistline:** width around the stomach
- **Laden with:** weighed down by
- **Gnawed:** chewed with their teeth
- **Grub:** wormlike baby insect
- **Bitter:** unpleasant-tasting
- **Omnivores:** animals that can eat both meat and plants
- **Distressing:** upsetting
- **Pollen:** powdery stuff found on flowers
- **Lumbered:** walked heavily
- **Gobble:** greedily eat
- **Soothe:** make feel better

Rimonah of the Shining Sword (Page 33)

- **Prosperous:** rich and successful
- **Courtiers:** nobles and advisors
- **Sorceress:** female magician
- **Genie:** legendary wish-granting spirit
- **Saddled:** put a saddle on
- **Dunes:** hills of sand
- **Stoutly:** in a determined way
- **Nomads:** people who keep moving from one place to another
- **Scorpion:** spider-like creature with a poisonous sting in its tail
- **Sheathed:** put in its holder
- **Cursed:** affected by evil magic
- **Lashed out at:** tried to hit
- **Parried:** blocked with her weapon
- **Heroism:** bravery

The Cosmic Visitor (Page 38)

- **Cosmic:** to do with space
- **Put her foot down:** refused to do what someone else wants any more
- **Curtains:** pieces of cloth hung over windows to block light
- **Constellations:** groups of stars
- **Astronomy:** the study of space and stars
- **Astronomer:** scientist who studies stars
- **Hovering:** staying in one place in the air
- **Mid-air:** in the air
- **Chiming:** sounding like a bell
- **Melodious:** musical-sounding
- **Galaxy:** massive group of billions of stars

The Giant's Cauldron (Page 40)

- **Traveller:** person who is travelling
- **Mead:** drink made by fermenting honey
- **Cauldron:** large round cooking pot
- **Enchanted:** with magical abilities
- **Chariot:** two-wheeled cart used for carrying people
- **Cackled:** laughed evilly
- **Giantess:** female giant
- **Inspect:** carefully check
- **Shattered:** broke into many pieces
- **Heaved:** pulled very hard
- **Budge:** move even a bit
- **With ease:** easily
- **Gallons:** a large amount – a UK gallon is equal to 4.546 litres.

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CLASS DISCUSSION SHEET

LET'S TALK ABOUT...

primates! Monkeys, apes and other primates are our closest relatives in the animal kingdom, and these questions are about what makes them special.

1. How many primates can you think of? What things make primates different from other animals?

2. There are many types of primates, including apes and monkeys. What do you think are the differences between apes and monkeys?

3. Apes like chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans are humans' closest relatives – what things do we have in common with our ape cousins?

4. Many primates are endangered. Can you name some threats they face?

MY FAVOURITE PRIMATE!

Which one is your favourite? Complete the questions below and look up any facts you don't know!

What is your favourite primate?

_____

Where does it live?

_____

What is its favourite foods?

_____

Draw a picture of it in this frame!

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READING COMPREHENSION SHEET

Find a *simile*, an awesome *alliteration* and even a *compound adjective*!

Jane spotted crabs, sea snails and even sea anemones that looked like little underwater flowers! She gathered some shells as souvenirs before following her parents back to their cottage.

The next morning, her mum noticed something strange on the girl's wardrobe.

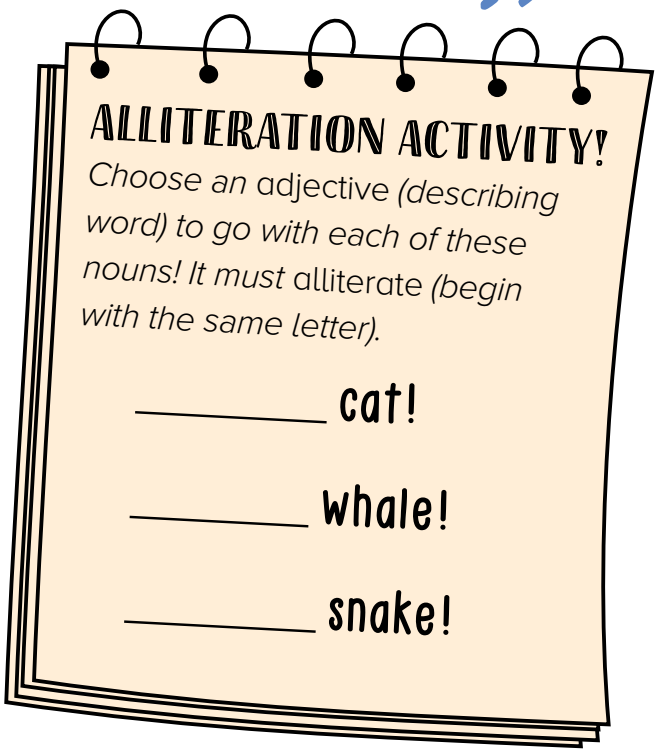
"What's that?" she asked.

It was a bright yellow sea snail – and other ones were climbing up the walls and windows!

1. A *simile* is a phrase that describes something by saying it is *like* something else. Spot the simile in the first sentence!

2. *Alliteration* is when the first letter or sound is repeated in two words. What is the alliteration in the third sentence?

3. A *compound adjective* uses two or more adjectives (describing words) together. Can you spot a compound adjective in the last sentence that describes the snail's colours?



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ANSWERS: 1. 'like little underwater flowers'; 2. 'something strange'; 3. 'bright yellow'

STORY SEQUENCING SHEET

Can you put these jumbled-up events from Jane's life in the correct order? Check the story to make sure you get it right!

When she wasn't having adventures or playing with her friends, Jane loved to read stories, including *The Jungle Book*. ☐

Other members of Jane's family also lived at the Birches, including her aunts, uncle and grandmother, who Jane called 'Danny'. ☐

The girl's favourite pet was a dog called Rusty. He went with her on nature hikes in the countryside. ☐

Little Jane loved real animals as much as toy ones! From a young age, she dug up worms and found snails in rock pools. ☐

Tarzan, Lord of the Apes was another favourite. It was about a boy who had adventures with apes in Africa. Jane wanted to do the same! ☐

When Jane was five, World War II broke out! She and her family had to move to a house called the Birches in Bournemouth, by the sea. ☐

During the holidays, Jane's friends Sally and Susie came to visit the Birches. They started a 'nature society' and created a magazine! ☐

Life during the war could be tough! Food was rationed, and Jane's family had to hide in a bomb shelter during air raids. ☐

When Jane was just one year old, her father gave her a toy chimpanzee that she called Jublilee. The girl loved it! ☐

When she sat in her tree, reading these stories, Jane dreamed of going to Africa and meeting apes... just like Tarzan! ☐

When living at the Birches, Jane and her sister were allowed to keep pets, including cats, guinea pigs, tortoises, a canary and a hamster. ☐

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STORYBOARD

Retell the tale of Jane's childhood by writing about what happened to her underneath the illustrations below.

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3



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CHARACTER SHEET: JANE



Jane is a cool and quirky girl who lives life her own way! Can you answer all these questions about her?

What three words would you use to describe young Jane?

_____

_____

_____

Which things do you think she would like to do on holiday?

_____

_____

What was the one thing she really liked about animals?

_____

_____

Why would you like to be Jane's friend?

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Draw her toy chimpanzee Jubilee here!

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Jane loves animals and nature. Which jobs do you think would suit her best and why?

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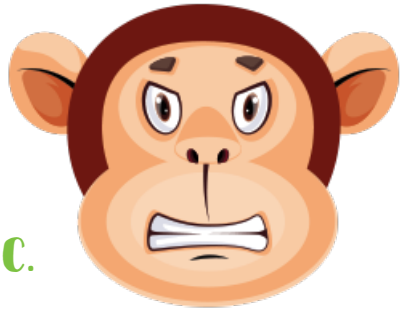
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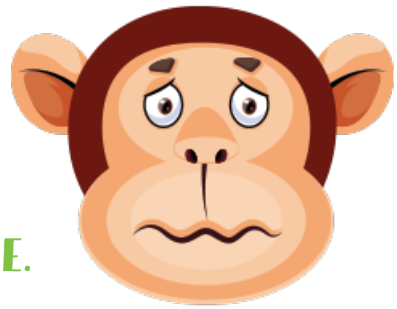
Chimpanzees and other monkeys express their feelings on their faces – just like we do! Can you match these expressions with the adjectives with the words at the bottom of the page?

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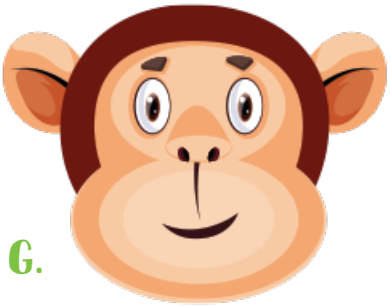
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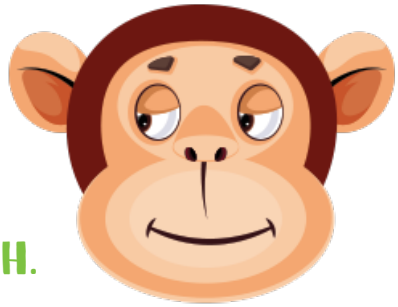
C. 

D. 

E. 

F. 

G. 

H. 

I. 

☐ 1. HAPPY

☐ 2. BORED

☐ 3. ANGRY

☐ 4. ANXIOUS

☐ 5. SURPRISED

☐ 6. RELAXED

☐ 7. OVERJOYED

☐ 8. SCARED

☐ 9. SAD

ANSWERS: A. 8, B. 7, C. 3, D. 9, E. 4, F. 3, G. 1, H. 6, I. 5.

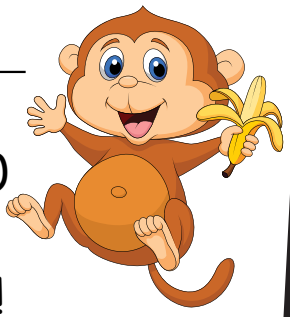
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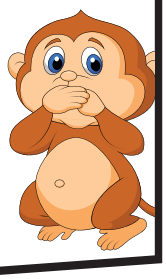
APE ACTIONS!

Primates live busy lives in the jungle! Help this young monkey through his day by finding the right *verb* (action word) to use in different situations!

1. I _____ BANANAS, PAPAYAS AND NUTS WHEN I FIND THEM!



2. I _____ TO WARN MY FAMILY ABOUT DANGER!



3. WHEN IT'S HOT, I _____ IN THE SHADE!



4. I _____ FROM LEOPARDS AND HUNTERS!





5. I _____ THROUGH THE TREES!

6. I CAN'T _____ WELL!





7. I'M A BIG SNOOZER! I _____ FOR 12 HOURS A DAY!

CALL
HIDE
SLEEP
SWIM
SWING
EAT
REST

FUN FACT!

Chimpanzees, gorillas and other primates can't speak like humans do, but they do communicate with each other using gestures, facial expressions, calls, and even smells!

ANSWERS: 1. eat, 2. call, 3. rest, 4. hide, 5. swing, 6. swim, 7. sleep.

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WRITE AN APE ADVENTURE!

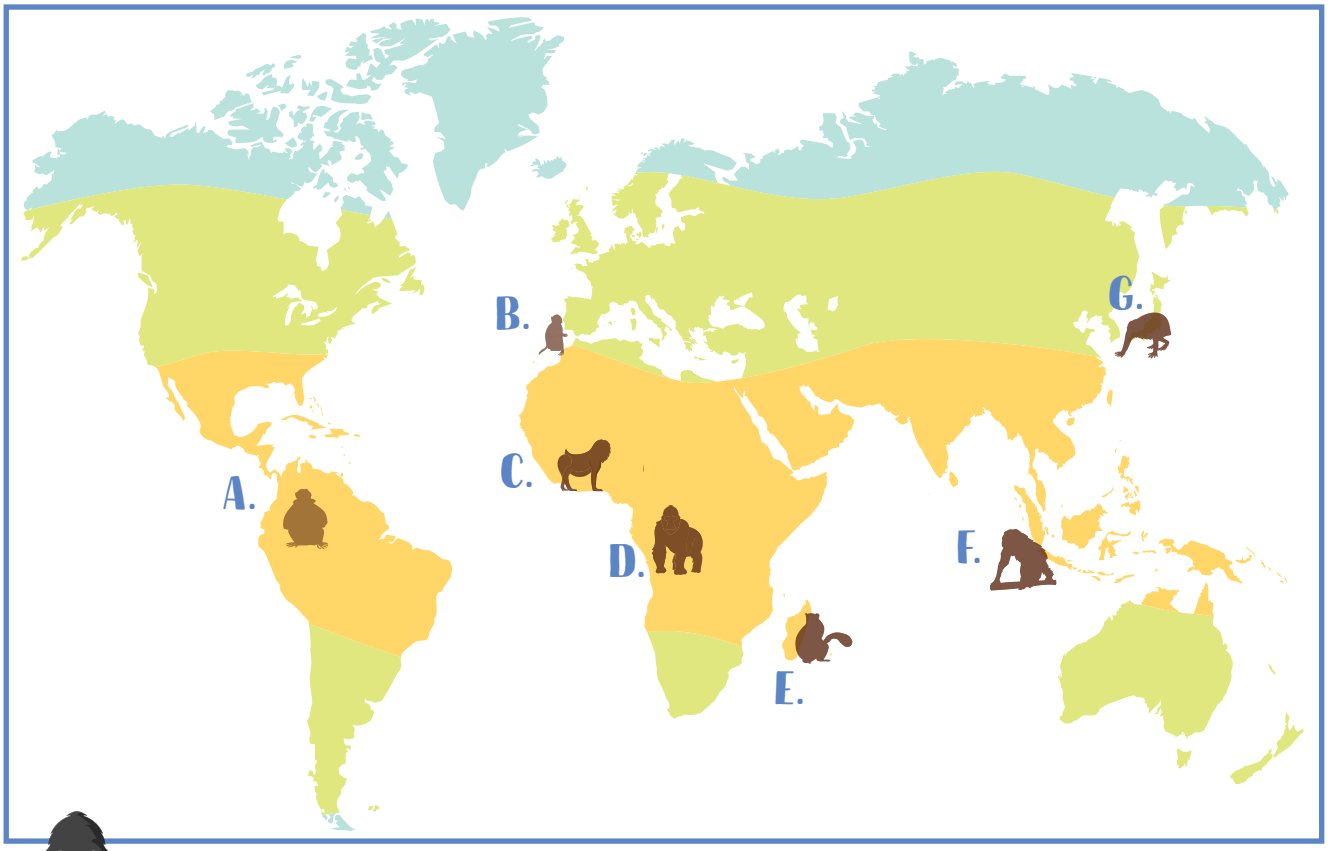
Create a story about an ape who goes on an adventure in the jungle. What challenges does the ape face? How does it solve problems? Does it make any new friends along the way?

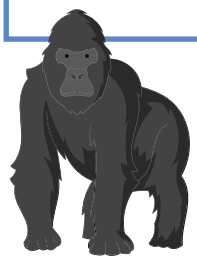
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WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Primates can be found all over the world! Find out where these seven live by matching them with their outlines on the map below.





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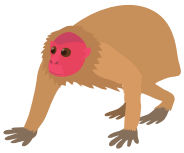
4. **Mandrill**



2. **Ring-tailed Lemur**



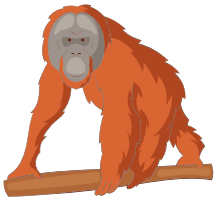
5. **Barbary macaque**



6. **Japanese macaque**



3. **Red-faced spider monkey**



7. **Orangutan**

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PRIMATE OLYMPICS

There are many different monkeys, apes and other primates on our planet. These ones are all champions in their own way!

THE LOUDEST!
The call of the howler monkey can be as loud as **90 dB**, the same as a lawnmower.

THE MOST COLOURFUL!
The mandrill baboon has bright red and blue parts on its face, but that's not all. Its **bottom** is also brightly coloured!

THE SMALLEST!
Berthe's mouse lemur lives in Madagascar and weighs just **30g**.

THE BIGGEST NOSE!
The **proboscis monkey** of Borneo is named after its huge schnozz!

THE SMARTEST!
The **orangutan** is the most intelligent non-human primate – even cleverer than chimps!

THE FASTEST!
Patas monkeys come first, sprinting around at up to **55kph**!

THE LONGEST TAIL
The crab-eating macaque's grows to **70cm**... which is why it's also called the 'long-tailed macaque'.

THE HEAVIEST
(And the strongest too!) Male eastern gorillas can weigh over **200kg**!



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MONKEYS VS. APES

Monkeys and apes are all part of the primate family of animals, but there are important differences between them! Here are some tips for telling apes and monkeys apart. Use them to start a class discussion about each group.



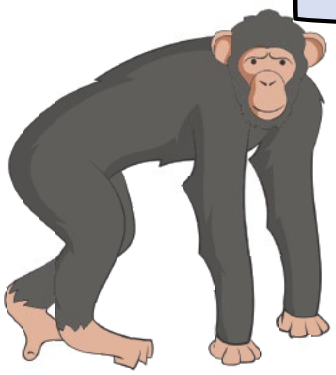
Apes' arms are much longer than their legs! Monkeys' arms and legs are about the same length.

Apes are better at standing and walking upright. Monkeys are happier on all fours!



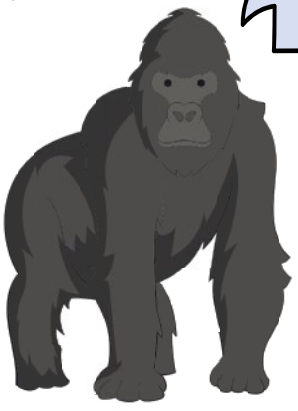
Monkeys can be found in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Apes only live in Africa and Asia!

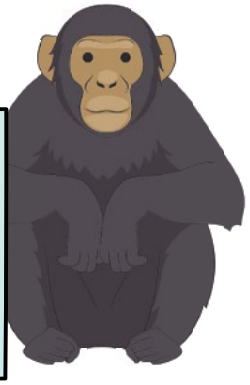
Monkeys have tails and apes don't!





Baboons, macaques and marmosets are monkeys, and gibbons, gorillas, orangutans and chimps are apes!





Apes swing from branch to branch using their arms, while monkeys prefer to scramble through trees!

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CHIMPANZEE TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about our closest primate relatives? Follow the path through the jungle and answer questions along the way!

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1 **Chimps are vegetarians!**

TRUE
FALSE

2 **They can learn how to communicate with humans!**

TRUE
FALSE

3 **Chimpanzees are good swimmers!**

TRUE
FALSE

4 **They know how to use tools!**

TRUE
FALSE

5 **There are three kinds of chimpanzee!**

TRUE
FALSE

6 **They give each other makeovers!**

TRUE
FALSE

7 **Chimpanzees are humans' closest living relatives!**

TRUE
FALSE

8 **They give their babies piggy-back rides!**

TRUE
FALSE

9 **Chimpanzees sleep in caves!**

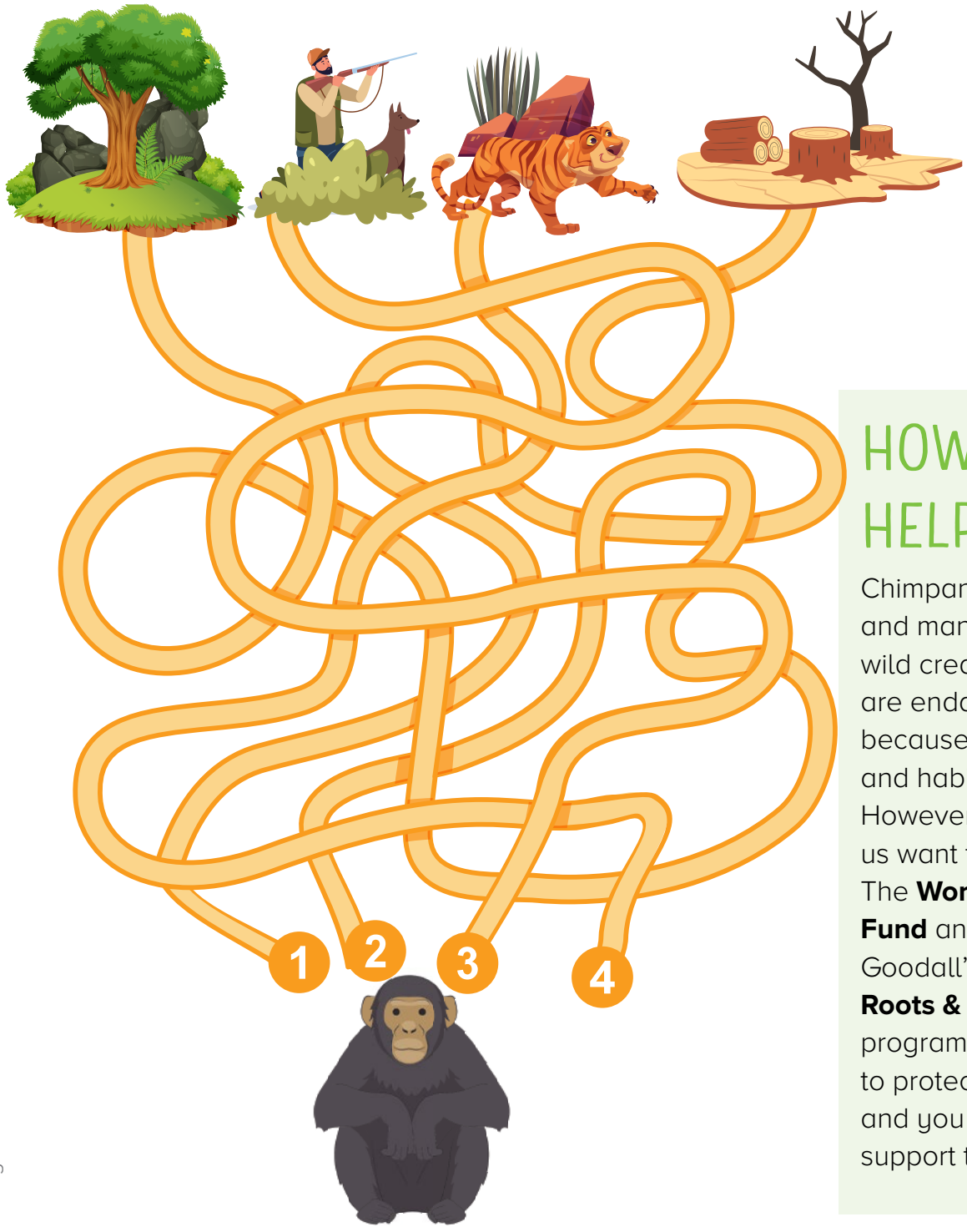
TRUE
FALSE

ANSWERS: 1. FALSE! Though they mostly eat leaves, nuts and fruit, they also snack on meat and insects.2. TRUE! Some chimpanzees have been taught sign language. 3. FALSE! Their bodies sink easily and they don't enjoy being in water. 4. TRUE! Chimps use leaves as sponges, twigs to catch insects and rocks and sticks as tools or weapons. 5. FALSE! There are two species of chimpanzee: the common chimpanzee and the pygmy chimpanzee or bonobo. 6. TRUE! Chimps often groom each other's fur. 7. TRUE! 8. TRUE! 9. FALSE! They make nests of leaves to sleep in.

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APE SURVIVAL MAZE

The chimpanzees that Jane Goodall cares for face many threats, from predators and hunting to habitat loss! Help a chimp get through this maze and avoid the dangers to get to a safe wildlife reserve.



HOW TO HELP!

Chimpanzees and many other wild creatures are endangered because of hunting and habitat loss. However, many of us want to help! The **World Wildlife Fund** and Jane Goodall's own **Roots & Shoots** programme work to protect apes, and you can support them.

ANSWER: Path 2 will lead them to safety!

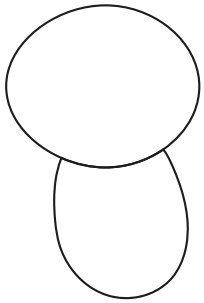
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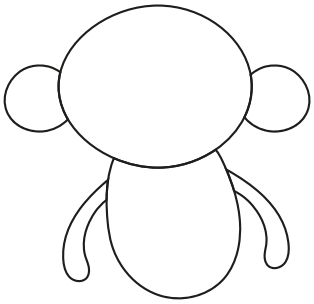
HOW TO DRAW A MONKEY!

Follow these steps to draw a cool primate! You can colour it in or customise it so it looks like your favourite species of monkey.

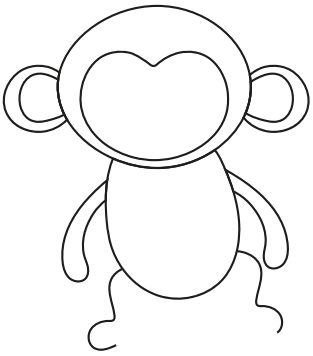
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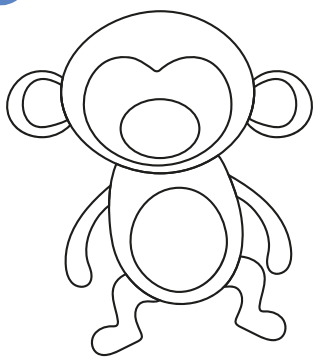
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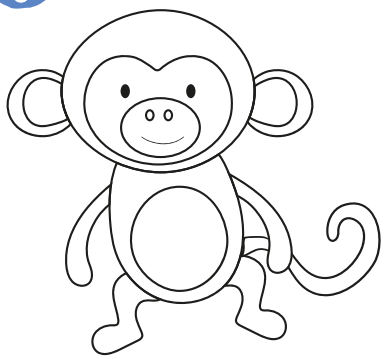
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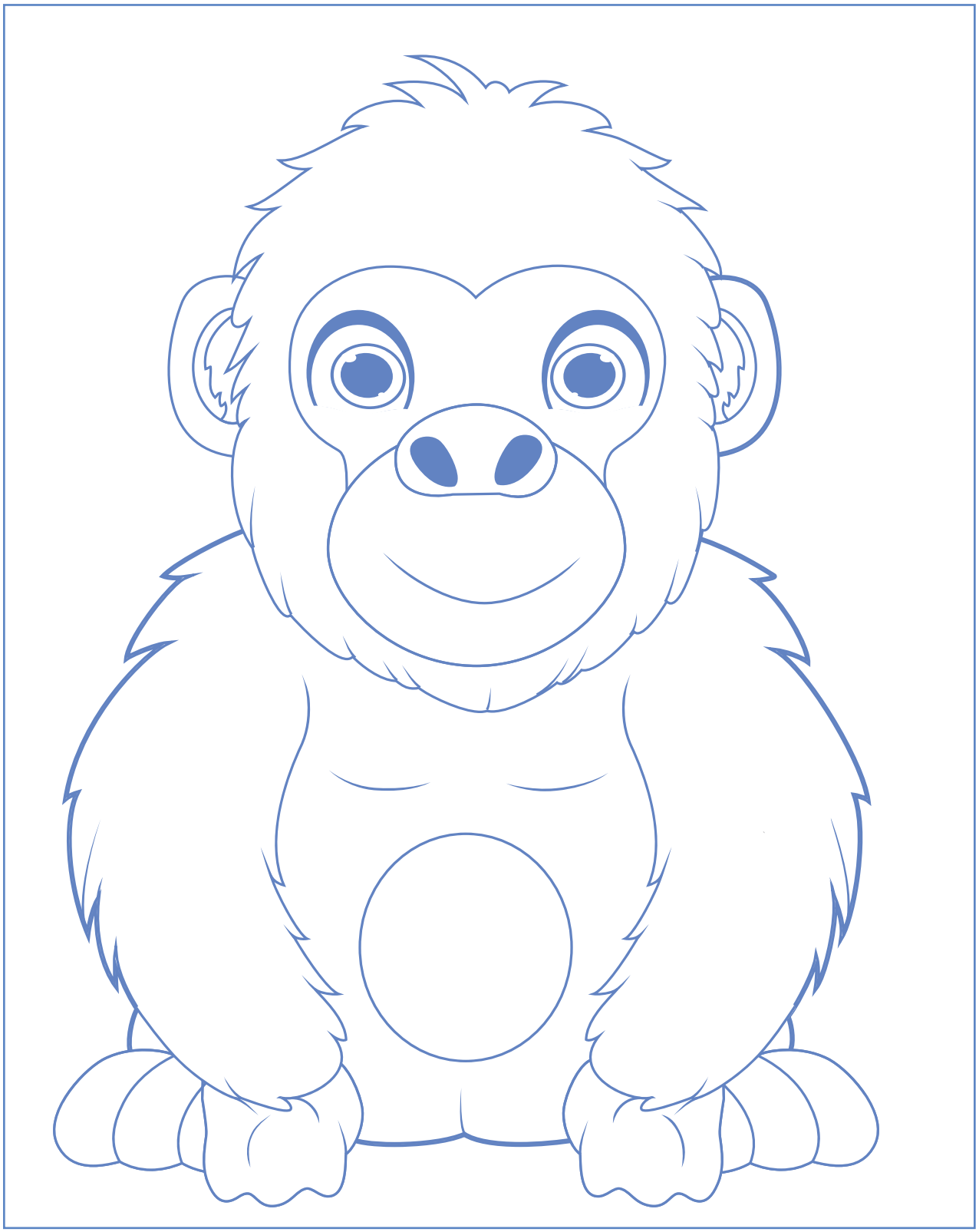
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