

Kid Scoop

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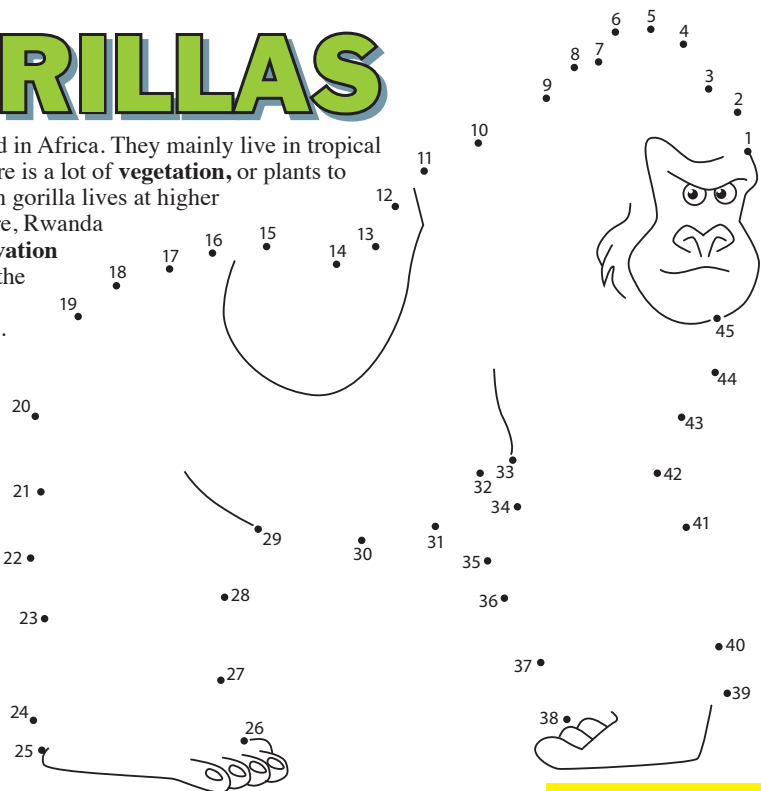


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GORILLAS

Gorillas are found in Africa. They mainly live in tropical forests where there is a lot of **vegetation**, or plants to eat. The mountain gorilla lives at higher elevations in Zaire, Rwanda and Uganda. **Elevation** means how high the land is above the surface of the sea.

Connect the dots to draw a gorilla.



Silverbacks

When a male gorilla is fully grown, he will start to grow silvery hair on his back, in the shape of a saddle. This is why we call them **silverback** gorillas.

Are you taller than a gorilla?

Adult gorillas can weigh up to 400 pounds, and, when they stand on their two legs, are about five-and-a-half feet tall.

How tall are you? Measure yourself, then draw yourself next to the gorilla.

	GORILLA	ME
WEIGHT	400 lbs.	
HEIGHT	5' 6"	

What do gorillas eat?

Along with their families, silverback gorillas are mostly **herbivorous**, which means that they usually eat plants and fruits.

A silverback gorilla can eat up to forty-five pounds of food a day. That's a whole lot of food!

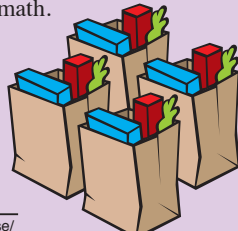
Which of these things do you think weigh around 45 pounds? Check your answers by doing the math.

8 + 4 =



12 + 24 + 9 =

Standards Link: Number Sense/ Estimation. Students understand basic estimation strategies.



23 + 11 + 11 =



28 - 19 =



7 + 9 - 4 =

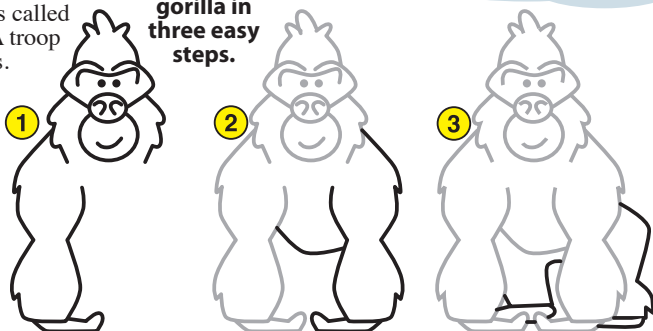


18 + 18 + 9 =

Gorilla Groups

Gorillas like to be around other gorillas, so they live in groups (sometimes called **troops**), as a big gorilla family. A troop can include more than 30 gorillas. Can you imagine having thirty people in your family?

A troop is led by one or more silverback gorillas. They decide where the troop will live, and when it will wake up, eat and go back to bed. They also make sure that no troop member hurts another. Know anyone like that?



Draw a gorilla in three easy steps.

Extra! Extra!

Gorilla Words

Find ten words in today's newspaper that describe a gorilla. Put these words in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Sort words into alphabetical order.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Gorillas are like people in a lot of ways. Use the code to find out a couple of ways they are similar to humans.

Gorillas have $\frac{1}{16}$ $\frac{11}{3}$ $\frac{14}{11}$ $\frac{21}{16}$ $\frac{24}{7}$ and $\frac{1}{16}$ $\frac{11}{1}$ $\frac{2}{16}$ $\frac{7}{7}$, just like us. Their $\frac{16}{9}$ $\frac{24}{7}$ look just like ours. They even have the same number of $\frac{1}{16}$ $\frac{16}{1}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ as people - 32.

9 = A 2 = G 5 = M 4 = P 1 = T
1 = E 1 = H 1 = N 2 = R 1 = U
6 = F 8 = I 1 = O 4 = S 2 = W

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

GORILLAS SADDLE ELEVATION TROOP PRIMATE VEGETATION WEIGH FINGERS TOES LAND SHAPE HAIR WAKE WHOLE MALE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

N	O	I	T	A	T	E	G	E	V
M	S	S	R	D	N	A	L	A	J
E	A	R	O	S	H	E	P	T	W
E	L	E	O	S	V	A	R	E	H
P	L	G	P	A	I	C	I	P	O
A	I	N	T	D	R	G	M	R	L
H	R	I	I	D	H	W	A	K	E
S	O	F	E	L	A	M	T	M	A
N	G	T	E	E	S	S	E	O	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Food Fun

Using the grocery ads in the newspaper or online, find enough food to add up to 45 pounds of food. You must include at least seven different kinds of food (fruit, vegetables, meat, cereal, bread, ice cream, juices, etc.)

Standards Link: Measurement: Understand the basic measurements of weight.

Write On!

Winter Poem

What do you like about winter? How does winter feel? Smell? Sound? Taste? Look? Use these thoughts to write a poem about winter.

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