

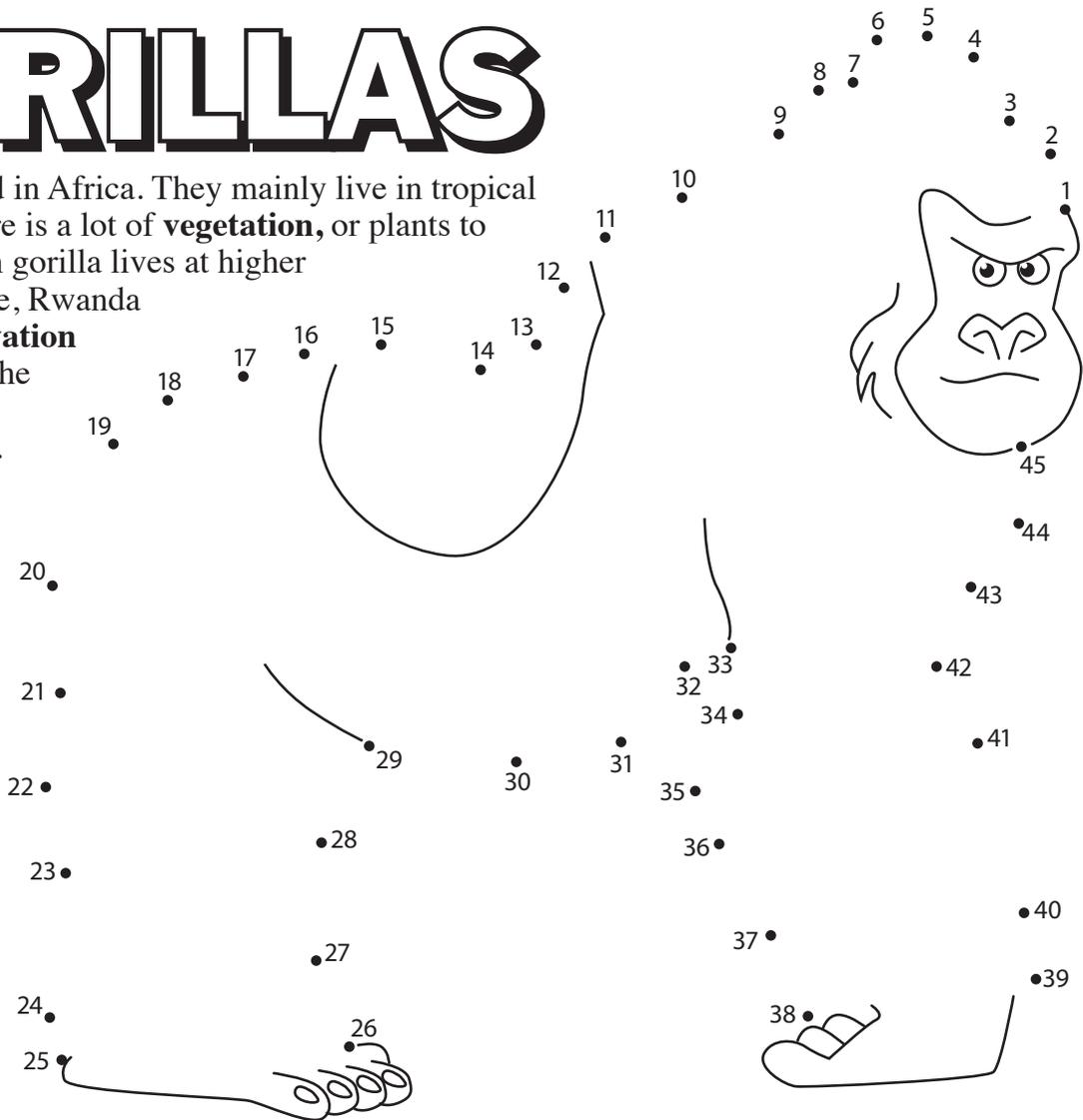


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# GORILLAS

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.**



$19 - 8 =$



$8 + 4 =$



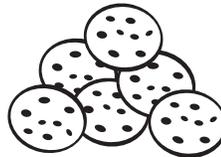
$7 + 9 - 4 =$

## What do gorillas eat?

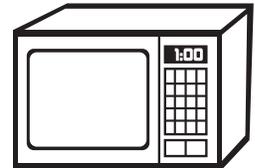
Along with their families, silverback gorillas are mostly **herbivorous**, which means that they usually eat plants and fruits.

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

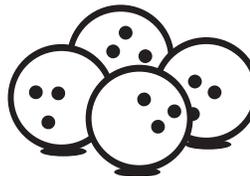
Which of these things do you think weigh around 45 pounds? Check your answers by doing the math.



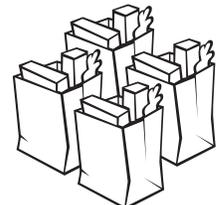
$28 - 19 =$



$18 + 18 + 9 =$



$12 + 24 + 9 =$



$23 + 11 + 11 =$

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



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## Silverbacks

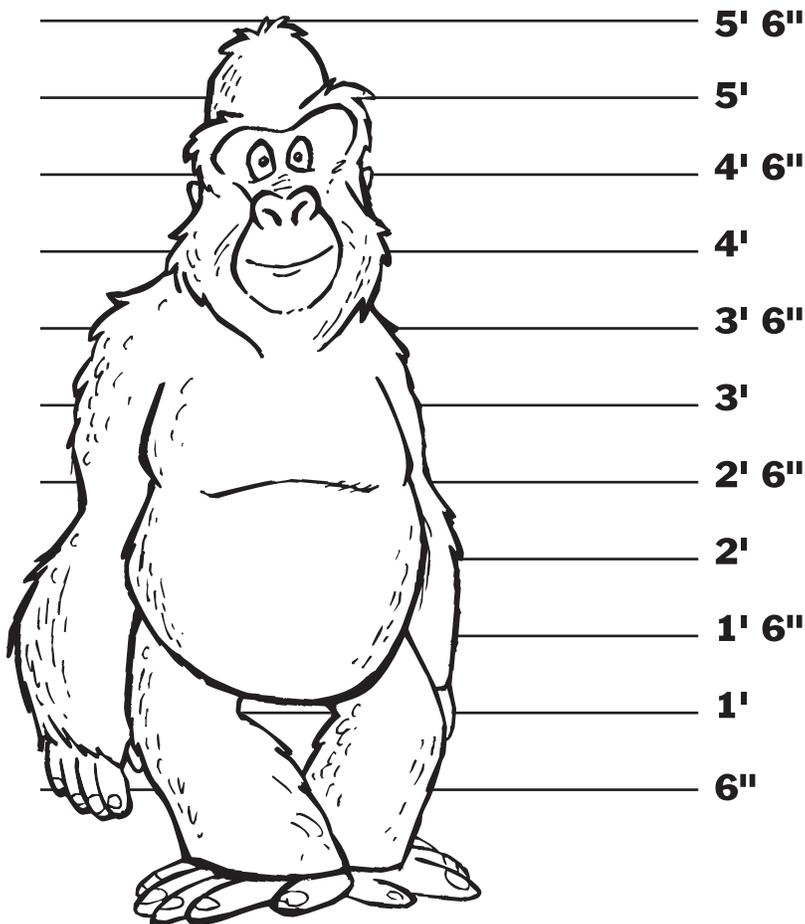
When a male gorilla is fully grown, he will start to grow silvery hair on his back, in the shape of a saddle. This is why we call them **silverback** gorillas.

## 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"	

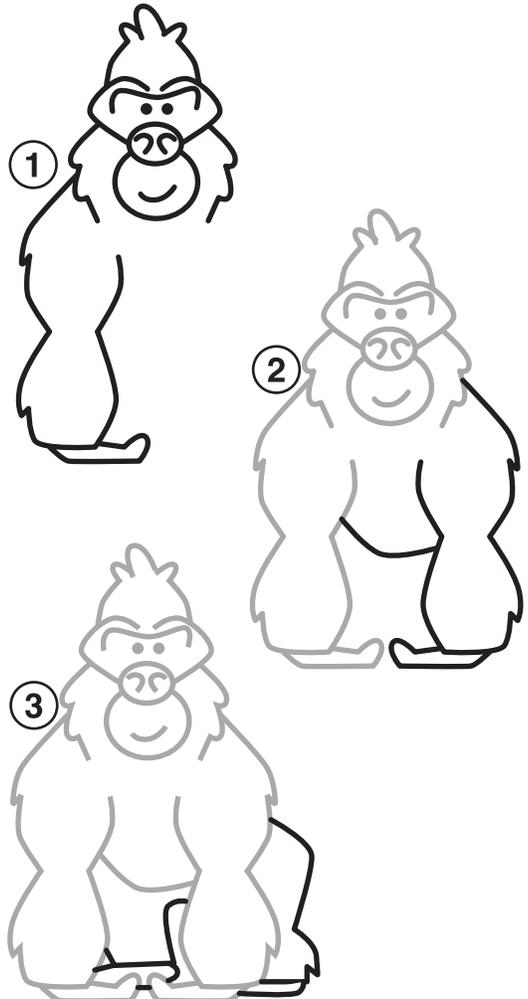


## Gorilla Groups

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?

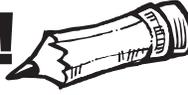
Draw a gorilla in three easy steps.



**Standards Link:** Measurement: Understand the basic measurements of weight and height.

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## Proof It!



*Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the **nine spelling errors** you find. The first one is done for you.*

### Gorilla Manners

If you ever <sup>MEET</sup> meat a gorilla, be sure to use gorilla manners. Just as when you encounter any animal, you should do certain things to make the gorilla feel safe around you:

- When you first make eye contact with the gorilla, lowered your head and look away quickly.
- Stay quiet. Don't move too quickly. Loud noises and sudden movements scare gorillas!
- "Bow" to them. Made yourself shorter than the gorilla.
- Showing your teeth can be seen as a threat to a gorilla, so if you smile, make sure you don't show your teeth!

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**Standards Link:** Writing: Edit text to check for correct spelling and grammar.

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### Gorilla Words

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

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**Standards Link:** Spelling: Sort words into alphabetical order.



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## 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  $\overline{1} \overline{16} \overline{11} \overline{3} \overline{14} \overline{11} \overline{21} \overline{16} \overline{24} \overline{7}$  and  
 $\overline{1} \overline{16} \overline{11} \overline{1} \overline{2} \overline{16} \overline{7}$ , just like us. Their  $\overline{16} \overline{9} \overline{24} \overline{7}$   
 look just like ours. They even have the  
 same number of  $\overline{1} \overline{16} \overline{16} \overline{1} \overline{8}$  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.

## VOCABULARY BUILDERS

### PRIMATE

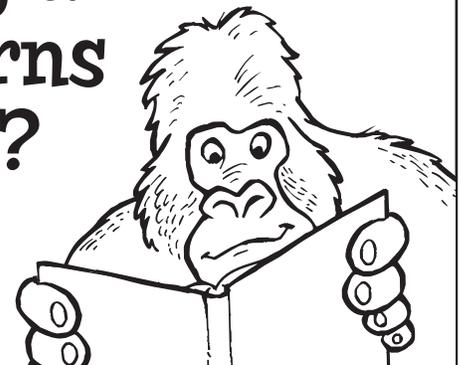
The noun **primate** means any of a group of mammals that include humans, apes and monkeys.

Chimpanzees are **primates** that live in trees.

Try to use the word **primate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.



# What is the first thing a gorilla learns in school?



ANSWER: The ape b c's.





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## Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.  
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

GORILLAS

SADDLE

ELEVATION

TROOP

PRIMATE

VEGETATION

WEIGH

FINGERS

TOES

LAND

SHAPE

HAIR

WAKE

WHOLE

MALE

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.