

LEVEL TWO - PRE-VISIT

Animal Rescue and Conservation



FUN FACTS

Orang-utans may become extinct in the wild very soon. In 2005, it was estimated that there were only about 25,000 orang-utans left in the wild with approximately 2,000 dying each year.

Information:

The main reason the number of orang-utans in the wild is going down is that the forests that they live in are being chopped down for wood or converted into palm oil plantations.

Activity 1:

If 2,000 orang-utans die every year and only 1,000 are born each year, and we did nothing to try to conserve them, calculate in what year they would become extinct (none left in the world).

FUN FACTS

A large number of the chimpanzees at Monkey World had been captured when they were babies to be sold to photographers for use as props. Infant chimpanzees like to indulge in a lot of rough-and-tumble play and move around a lot but the photographers needed the baby chimpanzees to sit still while they were being photographed with the tourists. A large number of the chimpanzees rescued by Monkey World had been given drugs (tranquilisers) in order to keep them calm and prevent them from biting the tourists. They were addicted to these drugs when they arrived at Monkey World.

Information:

Drugs are very bad for chimpanzees, as some are for us. Drugs go around your body in your blood and can cause a lot of damage.

Activity 2:

a) Write what you understand by the term 'drug addict'.

b) Describe how you think a chimp would behave if it was a drug addict.

FUN FACTS

Tropical rain forest plants can grow up to 50m tall; that is as tall as 5 double-decker buses stacked on top of each other.

Information:

You will see many types of plants in the woodland at Monkey World. These are very different from the plants you will find in a tropical rain forest. Wherever they are found, all plants must grow and reproduce, just like humans and other animals.

Activity 3:

a) Pick the way a primate helps a plant reproduce?

- 1. A seed may attach itself to the primate's fur and then drop off somewhere else
- 2. Eats the seeds which it then passes out in its waste matter
- 3. Carries pollen on its fur
- 4. 1, 2 & 3 are correct