



Unit 9

African wildlife

Cross-curricular – Natural science

- 1 Przeczytaj tytuł tekstu i popatrz na zdjęcie. Napisz dwie rzeczy, które wiesz o tym zwierzęciu.

- 2 Przeczytaj tekst.



The mountain gorilla

Gorillas are fascinating animals. They are the largest and most powerful of the apes, and the mountain gorilla is the biggest of all. They are in danger of extinction because their natural habitats are in danger.

Gorillas are large, quiet, gentle apes. In films and comic books, gorillas are often dangerous killers, but they are usually shy and peaceful. They are vegetarians but they do sometimes eat small insects.

Gorillas have very long arms – their arms are longer than their legs. They have brown hair, but not on their hands, face or the bottoms of their feet. They walk on their legs and their long arms. They can climb trees, but they do not often do that, and they cannot swim.

Mountain gorillas have a very large head, tiny ears and small, dark-brown eyes. They have flat noses. Their noses are interesting because each gorilla has its own nose print – just like we have our own fingerprint.

Gorillas' senses are very similar to ours: hearing, smell, taste, touch and sight. They see colours and their hands are like ours too. They have four fingers and a thumb, and their feet have five toes. Gorillas can hold things with both their hands and their feet.

Gorillas are very intelligent and can learn to do complicated things. They are awake in the day, and they sleep at night. They live in small groups of six or seven animals: one adult male, some females and their children.

They communicate with each other by sounds and gestures. They use these to teach survival skills to their young. They can live for about 50 years in zoos. In the wild, they live for only about 35 years.

INSIDE INFORMATION

- There are only about 50,000 gorillas left in the wild.
- There are only about 600 mountain gorillas left in the world.
- You will find half of these mountain gorillas in one country: Uganda, in central Africa.

WORD BOOSTER

Dopasuj wyrazy 1–8 do definicji a–h.

1 ape	a smooth, not going up or down
2 complicated	b the big finger at the side of your hand
3 fascinating	c natural abilities: to hear, smell, taste, feel and see
4 fingerprint	d a movement to communicate something
5 flat	e a mark that shows the pattern of lines on your finger
6 gesture	f difficult to do or to understand
7 senses	g a large monkey with no tail
8 thumb	h very interesting

- 3 Zdecyduj, czy podane zdania są zgodne z treścią tekstu (T-true), czy – nie (F-false), a może informacja nie została podana (NM-not mentioned).

- 1 Gorillas eat mostly plants.
- 2 Gorillas don't drink a lot of water.
- 3 Gorillas' arms are longer than their legs.
- 4 They usually walk on two legs, like people.
- 5 They don't often climb trees.
- 6 Gorillas each have their own fingerprint, like people.
- 7 It is easier for them to hold things with their feet than with their hands.
- 8 They sleep in the day and hunt at night.
- 9 Gorillas prefer to live alone.
- 10 They don't like living in zoos.

- 4 Czy potrafisz podać dwie cechy, które są podobne u ludzi i goryli?

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- 5 Odpowiedz na pytania.

Do you think that gorillas are fascinating animals? Why?/Why not? Can you name an animal that you find more interesting?

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