

GORILLA FACT SHEET



The gorilla is a ground-dwelling resident of Africa that is part of the primate order. They are the biggest primate in the entire world. They live in the tropical and subtropical forests of Central Africa.

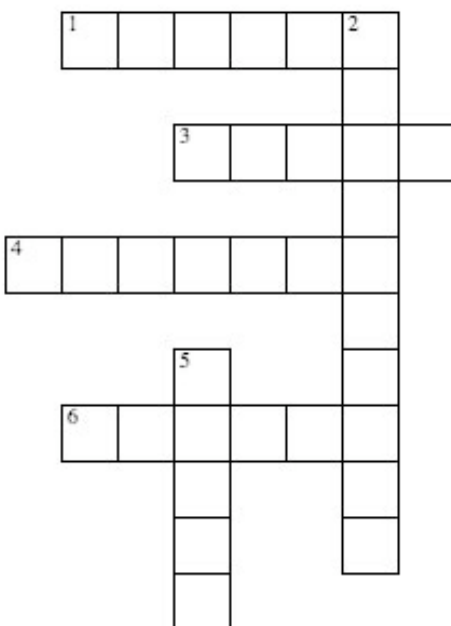
Gorilla DNA is almost identical to that of a human. They are actually our closest animal relatives after chimpanzees. Unlike humans, Gorillas like to walk using their knuckles.

Gorillas can grow can grow up to be almost 500 pounds! Somehow they manage to put on all this weight by mostly eating leaves; they are herbivores. Herbivores are animals that only eat plants. As an exception, gorillas sometimes like to eat bugs. Ew!

Adult male gorillas are called silverbacks. Gorillas form groups which are called troops. Troops are lead by the strongest, and smartest of the silverbacks.

Gorillas are an endangered species, because they are being killed off by poachers and a disease called ebola.

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- 1 What do they mostly eat?
- 3 What disease is their biggest threat?
- 4 Which order of animal are they?
- 6 In which country do they live?

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- 2 What is an adult male called?
- 5 What is a group of gorillas called?