

Read the magazine report and answer the questions



**Great ape mothers!**  
Orangutans care for their young for **longer** than any other mammal, except humans. But the mothers don't just **protect** and **feed** their kids – they spend up to **nine years** **teaching them** how to be wild orangutans. They show them **what to eat** and **where to find food**, how to make tools, and **how to build nests** for treetop sleeping – and nest building is truly tricky, taking **four years of training!** With one of nature's strongest bonds, it's no wonder female orangutans keep coming back to visit their mums until they're **15 or 16**. Maybe they should be called **boomerang-utans!**

My mum's better than your mum!

Orangutan mums carry their babies everywhere for up to five years. They also hold hands with their young, known as buddy travel. Aww!

Turn the page to read about some parents that aren't so adoring...

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In which place of the world do the orangutans live?

How long do the orangutan mothers take care of their children?

What kind of things do the mothers teach to their children?