

Gorillas



The largest of the great apes, gorillas are among our most endangered species. Having endured decades of civil war in the region, gorillas are confronted by the devastating consequences of increased habitat loss, poaching for the bushmeat trade and the spread of dangerous diseases like Ebola.

While the efforts to safeguard the different subspecies are meeting with varied levels of success, each remains a conservation priority for the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF). On the cusp of extinction prior to the hundredth anniversary of its discovery, the mountain gorilla population, which still numbers under 700 individuals, is beginning a slow increase, thanks to a dedicated effort and sound conservation initiatives. But the western lowland gorilla, the most numerous and widespread of the four subspecies, faces a severe Ebola crisis which, recent reports show, has caused a 56 percent decline in population across its range, with some of the hardest hit areas suffering even more.

WWF continues to work in the field and engage its conservation partners in order to address these threats and protect this wondrous and endangered species. Together, we can provide a more secure future for the gorilla.

- 1** What are the four main threats to gorillas?
- A** civil war, diseases, poaching and climate change
 - B** diseases, civil war, habitat loss and poaching
 - C** habitat loss, climate change, poaching and diseases
 - D** zoos, poaching, tourism and diseases
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- 2** The most numerous and widespread of the four subspecies of gorillas is the
- A** mountain gorilla.
 - B** northern highlands gorilla.
 - C** western lowland gorilla.
 - D** rainforest gorilla.
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- 3** The main recent threat to the western lowland gorilla is
- A** disease.
 - B** human activity.
 - C** climatic change.
 - D** cross breeding with other gorilla species.
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- 4** The main purpose of this text is to
- A** argue that there are only three subspecies of gorillas.
 - B** discuss the habitat and life cycle of gorillas.
 - C** describe the threats facing gorilla conservation.
 - D** outline the risk of diseases spreading to the human population.
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- 5** Which statement best describes the conservation status of gorillas?
- A** Only some subspecies of gorillas are endangered.
 - B** Gorillas are among our most endangered species.
 - C** Some gorilla subspecies are now extinct.
 - D** The future for all gorillas is now secure.

Grammar

Choose the best word for each blank space.

I have been watching the Olympics __ (6) __ 32 years. It __ (7) __ a great pleasure to watch so many human beings __ (8) __ such sporting greatness.

6	A. in B. for C. since D. during
7	A. has been B. had been C. is being D. was being
8	A. achieve B. achieves C. achieved D. achieving

Spelling

Choose the correctly spelt word for each blank space.

In my __ (9) __ , my secretary handles all my __ (10) __ . Nothing __ (11) __ has happened yet.

9	A. abcence B. absense C. absence D. abscence
10	A. corespondence B. corespondense C. correspondance D. correspondence
11	A. disastrus B. disastrous C. disasterus D. disasterous

Punctuation

Choose the best option for each blank space.

Cristiano Ronaldo plays for __ (12) __ a Spanish football club. Although he was born in Madeira __ (13) __ he has played overseas since 2003. In 2012, Diego Maradona declared that Ronaldo was "the best player on the __ (14) __

12	A. Real Madrid, B. , Real Madrid, C. Real Madrid; D. , Real Madrid:
13	A. in (Portugal) B. in Portugal; C. (in Portugal) D. in; Portugal
14	A. planet." B. planet". C. Planet,". D. Planet".

Vocabulary

Choose the best word to replace each **bold** word. The meaning of the sentence should stay the same.

The activist **alleged** that governments were acting irresponsibly by **deliberately** not acting against known smugglers of wildlife parts. They were not even **apprehending** known criminals.

15	The best word to replace <i>alleged</i> is A. claimed B. believed C. explained D. demanded
16	The best words to replace <i>deliberately</i> are A. foolishly B. carefully C. mistakenly D. intentionally
17	The best word to replace <i>apprehending</i> is A. warning B. arresting C. punishing D. following