

GORILLAS

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.



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A gorilla is one of the largest and strongest primates in the world. Its scientific name is *Gorilla gorilla* for the western gorilla and *Gorilla beringei* for the eastern gorilla. Gorillas belong to the (1) _____ group because they have hair, give birth to live babies, and feed their young with milk. They are (2) _____ to the forests of central Africa. Gorillas are intelligent animals and share about (3) _____ of their DNA with humans. They usually live in family groups called (4) _____, which are led by a strong adult male known as a (5) _____.

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Gorillas have large bodies, broad chests, long arms, and dark (6) _____. Adult males are much bigger than females and can weigh more than (7) _____ kilograms. Their hands and feet are strong, with fingers that help them climb trees and hold food. Although gorillas are (8) _____, they are generally calm and peaceful animals. They walk on all fours using their (9) _____, a movement called knuckle-walking. Their faces have (10) _____ eyes, small ears, and wide noses that make each gorilla look unique.

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Gorillas mainly eat (11) _____, stems, shoots, fruits, and tree bark. Sometimes they also eat insects such as ants and (12) _____. They spend many hours searching for food and resting. Gorillas (13) _____ through sounds, facial expressions, and body movements. The leader protects the group from (14) _____ and makes important decisions. Female gorillas take care of their babies until they are old enough to move (15) _____.

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Today, gorillas face many (16) _____, including habitat loss, hunting, and disease. Some species are classified as (17) _____. Many national parks and (18) _____ organizations work hard to protect them and their forest homes. People can help gorillas by supporting (19) _____ programs, reducing deforestation, and learning more about wildlife. Protecting gorillas is important because they play a (20) _____ role in keeping forest ecosystems healthy and balanced.

