



You are going to read about an animal shelter. Mark the statements

True (1),

False (2),

Not Stated (3).

- A. The Mona Foundation provides shelter to wild chimpanzees.
- B. The Foundation was opened by the Mayor in 2000.
- C. The chimpanzees live in cages.
- D. Only volunteers work there.
- E. Volunteer keepers can spend half a year in the foundation.
- F. Experienced keepers have more free time.
- G. The chimps do everything themselves.
- H. Volunteers work in pairs.



CARING FOR CHIMPANZEES

There are a lot of animal shelters in Spain which look after abandoned or neglected pets, like cats and dogs. But did you know there is also one that cares for rescued chimpanzees?

The Mona Foundation is based in Girona, Catalonia. Since 2000, it has provided a safe home for chimpanzees which were performing in circuses or being by photographers and film makers. The foundation was given some land by the local council and they had the chimps' houses and play areas specially designed. The chimps can run and climb, and they even have their own pond!

Although The Mona Foundation receives funding, it runs on volunteers. Those who live locally come whenever they can spare the time. The centre is often visited by community groups and also holds regular fundraising events. Volunteers help out on these occasions as well as doing routine maintenance and gardening at the centre. Volunteers also advertise the foundation's work and visit schools in the community.

There are other volunteers at the foundation, volunteer keepers, who stay for six months. They live in accommodation at the centre. The volunteer keepers are more closely involved in the daily care of the animals. They collect and prepare the chimpanzees' food and keep their sleeping areas clean. Once they have been working at the centre for a while, volunteers are given more responsibilities. The work is demanding and the hours are very long but the volunteers are getting the unique experience of working and playing with chimpanzees. Although, the chimps are encouraged to look after themselves as much as possible, sometimes the volunteers organise fun activities for them.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H