

Match the vocabulary words with their meanings

Primates
symbols
stimulating
voluntarily
exhibit

Pictures with a meaning
You decide if you want to do it
Animals like monkeys
A show to look at
Very interesting



Shumaker and Inda perform certain exercises on the computer.

At the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., Rob Shumaker runs the Orangutan Language Project. Orangutans are large, intelligent **primates**. They aren't able to speak like humans, but they can learn to connect **symbols** to real objects. Shumaker believes the language program is mentally **stimulating** for the orangutans. The program is **voluntary**, so the animals can choose to participate or not. It's part of a zoo **exhibit** which educates people about the problems orangutans face in the wild.

Before You Watch

 Read about the video and look up the meanings of the words in bold.

While You Watch

  Watch the video and circle the correct answers.

1. In Malay, the word *orangutan* means "person of the (jungle | forest)."
2. The orangutans in the video are Inda and (Miki | Azie).
3. The orangutans work with symbols on (a computer | paper).
4. The orangutans are (brother and sister | mother and son).
5. Wild orangutans could become extinct in (10 to 12 | 8 to 10) years.

  Watch the video again and answer the questions in your notebook.

1. Where do orangutans come from?
2. What choices does the zoo give the orangutans?
3. How old is Inda, the female orangutan?
4. What do zoo officials hope exhibits like Think Tank will do?

