UNIT 10: ENDANGERED SPECIES

Listen and fill in the missing words.

For a long time the image most people had of a gorilla was a (1) _____ looking animal with big, bared teeth. But researchers studying gorillas show a very different picture of mountain gorillas. The animals are (2) _____, gentle, sociable, and mainly plant-eating (3) _____.

Gorillas live in family groups. A typical group is led by the biggest and strongest grown-up male gorilla. He is called a silverback because the hair on a male's back turns from black to (4) _____ grey as he grows up. A silverback's group usually includes one or two sub-adult males and a few females and their young.

Mountain gorillas spend much of their time eating. Their food (5) _____ a variety of plants, along with a few kinds of (6) _____ and worms. At night the animals make a nest to sleep in. Many lightweight gorillas nest in (7) _____. The heavier ones may nest in grasses on the ground. Babies sleep with their mothers at night.

Life for mountain gorillas is not always peaceful. They are (8) _____ and threatened by civil wars in the smaller parts of Africa. Hunters kill them for food. Their forests are cut down for (9) _____, fuel, and housing. But many scientists, forest rangers and other (10) _____ people are working hard to protect mountain gorillas and their habitats.

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