Listen the recording carefully then fill in the blanks.

Gorilla

A gorilla (1) ____ 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 mammal group because they have hair, give birth to live babies, and feed their young with milk. They are native to the forests of central Africa. Gorillas (2) _____ intelligent animals and share about 98% of their DNA with humans. They usually (3) _____ in family groups called troops, which are led by a strong adult male known as a silverback.

Gorillas (4) _____ large bodies, broad chests, long arms, and dark fur. Adult males are much bigger than females and can weigh more than 180 kilograms. Their hands and feet are strong, with fingers that help them (5) _____ trees and hold food. Although gorillas are powerful, they are generally calm and peaceful animals. They (6) _____ on all fours using their knuckles, a movement called knuckle-walking. Their faces have expressive eyes, small ears, and wide noses that make each gorilla look unique.

Gorillas mainly eat leaves, stems, shoots, fruits, and tree bark. Sometimes they also eat insects such as ants and termites. They (7) _____ many hours searching for food and resting. Gorillas (8) _____ through sounds, facial expressions, and body movements. The silverback protects the group from danger and makes important decisions. Female gorillas (9) _____ of their babies until they are old enough to move independently.

Today, gorillas (10) _____ many threats, including habitat loss, hunting, and disease. Some species are classified as endangered. Many national parks and wildlife organizations work hard to (11) _____ them and their forest homes. People can (12) _____ gorillas by supporting conservation programs, reducing deforestation, and learning more about wildlife. Protecting gorillas is important because they play a valuable role in keeping forest ecosystems healthy and balanced.

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