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Level 18

Running Words 496 **Text Type** Information Report

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 How do some monkeys use their tails?
2 How do young baboons move from place to place?
3 Which apes are the biggest and heaviest?
4 How do chimpanzees catch termites to eat?

Inferential

5 Why is a tree a good place for a chimpanzee to sleep?
6 What kinds of soft sounds would it be important for monkeys to hear?
7 Why do gorillas and chimpanzees use branches and leaves to make their nests?
8 What can people do to help save monkeys and apes from becoming extinct?

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Monkeys and Apes

Monkeys and apes are animals.
They are the same in many ways,
but not in other ways.

Many monkeys and apes live in places
where there are lots of trees.
They can find food and stay safe in the trees.



Monkeys live in places with lots of trees.

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Monkeys and apes
belong to the same animal family.
Nearly all monkeys have tails,
but apes do not.

Some monkeys hang from tree branches
with their tails.

Apes can swing through the forest
with their strong arms.

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Gorillas are apes with strong arms.

Most animals cannot see colours, but many monkeys and apes can. They can see when flowers and fruit are ready to be eaten.



Orangutans are apes. They eat bananas and other fruits.

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Most monkeys and apes
take care of each other's hair.
They brush away dirt and dry skin
with their hands, lips or teeth.

This is called **grooming**.



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Monkeys

Monkeys have short hair
that is often black, brown or orange.

Their bodies are very strong.
They have long arms and legs
that help them move quickly through the forest.

Monkeys have small noses.
They cannot smell very well.
But they have good hearing,
and can hear very soft sounds.



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Some monkeys live in places
where it is very cold.
These monkeys have thick fur.
They sit in hot water **pools**
to keep warm in the winter.



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