

Orangutan Primary Resource

This Animals primary resource introduces children to the orangutan. Learn all about these amazing apes. Where do orangutans live? How are they adapted to life in the tree tops? What do orangutans eat?

Join NG KiDS on a visit to an orangutan rehabilitation centre in Borneo in this primary resource sheet. As well as fascinating facts and information about these incredible creatures, pupils will learn about the dangers orangutans face and the work being done to help protect them. They will also discover how rescued orangutans are cared for and reintroduced into the wild.

Activity:

Ask pupils to imagine that they are on a rainforest adventure in Borneo, where they spot a family of orangutans up in the branches. Get them to write an account about what they see. What do the orangutans look like? What are they doing? What are the orangutans eating? Their account should feature colourful illustrations of these beautiful animals and their habitat.

You could also get pupils to complete a reading comprehension. Set a list of questions to answer using the primary resource sheet. Some example questions could be:

- What does 'orangutan' mean in the Malay language?
- Up to how long do an orangutan's arms grow?
- Name three things orangutans eat.

Older pupils could also carry out their own research and compare and contrast the orangutan with another ape species, such as the chimpanzee, bonobo or gorilla. How do they compare in terms of size, diet, habitat, range, physical appearance etc.?