

# ORANGUTANS TAKE AIM



Solve a word puzzle about orangutans

# GRADES 3 - 6

#### **KEY WORDS**

- species
- endangered

# STANDARDS

- SCI.4.3.3
- SCI.6.3.1
- SCI.6.3.5

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Students will learn facts about an endangered animal.
- Students will think critically by solving a word puzzle.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

• Orangutans are critically endangered.

#### **PROCEDURE**

• Have students read each statement and cross out those that are false. Then, have students use the remaining letters to find out what object an orangutan might drop!

# RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Grade student's work for completion or accuracy.
- Have students compare their answers in groups.

#### **ANSWER KEY**

| 1. true  | 7. true  | Puzzle: | dead tree |
|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| 2. false | 8. true  |         |           |
| 3. true  | 9. false |         |           |
| 4. false | 10. true |         |           |
| 5. false | 11. true |         |           |
| 6. true  | 12. true |         |           |









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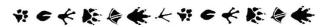


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A shy orangutan may try to scare you away by dropping an unusual object from the treetops.

To find out what this object is, read each sentence below and **cross out all letters** in front of sentences that are **not true**. Unscramble the remaining letters to discover the unusual object.

- Α 1. An orangutan has thumbs on both its hands and its feet.  $\mathsf{C}$ 2. An orangutan uses its strong jaws and teeth to eat small rodents and snakes. E 3. Sometimes an orangutan will stay up in a tree for 20 days without coming down. G 4. The word orangutan means "One Who Flies."  $\mathbf{O}$ 5. Orangutans love to live in large groups with other orangutans. D 6. Orangutans are the second largest primate next to gorillas. Т 7. Orangutan babies are targeted for the illegal pet trade. Ε 8. Orangutans can live an average of 35 years. M 9. Because an orangutan spends most of its life in a tree, it has powerful claws for climbing. Ε 10. Fossil remains of orangutans show that they were once much larger. D 11. A mother orangutan takes very good care of her babies.
  - Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



12. Orangutans live in nests.

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