



# 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

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|----------|----------|-------------------|
| 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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*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.

- A 1. An orangutan has thumbs on both its hands and its feet.
- 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."
- O 5. Orangutans love to live in large groups with other orangutans.
- D 6. Orangutans are the second largest primate next to gorillas.
- T 7. Orangutan babies are targeted for the illegal pet trade.
- E 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.
- E 10. Fossil remains of orangutans show that they were once much larger.
- D 11. A mother orangutan takes very good care of her babies.
- R 12. Orangutans live in nests.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

