



PRIMATES OF THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST



Compare and contrast two Indonesian primates

GRADE 4

MATERIALS

- clipboard

KEY WORDS

- spectacled langur
- siamang

STANDARD

- SCI.4.3.3

OBJECTIVE

- Students will learn about the differences and similarities between the spectacled langur and the siamang.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Both the spectacled langur and the siamang are primates that live in the rainforests of Indonesia.
- The spectacled langur is a monkey.
- The siamang is an ape.

PROCEDURE

- When at the zoo, have the students compare the features and behaviors of the spectacled langurs and the siamangs, using the activity sheet as a guide.

RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Check the students' work for accuracy.

ANSWER KEY

- Monkeys
 - Has a tail
 - Walks on flat palms
 - Narrow chest
 - Legs and arms about the same length
- Apes
 - Has no tail
 - Brachiates (swings through trees using arms)
 - Broader chest
 - Arms longer than legs



PRIMATES OF THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST



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The spectacled langur and the siamang are both primates that live in the rain forests of Indonesia. The spectacled langur is a monkey. The siamang is an ape.

Using this activity sheet as a guide, observe the spectacled langur and the siamang in their exhibits at the zoo. Compare the differences by answering the questions below.

SPECTACLED LANGUR



SIAMANG



MONKEYS

Does it have a tail?

How does it move?

Compare chests.

Compare legs and arms.

APES

