



GIBBONS: FOREST GYMNASTS

Read statements about gibbons and solve a math puzzle



GRADES 3 - 6

KEY WORDS

- species
- endangered

STANDARDS

- SCI.4.3.3
- SCI.6.3.3
- SCI.6.3.5

OBJECTIVES

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Most species of gibbons are considered to be endangered.

PROCEDURE

- Have students read each statement and cross out the false statements. Then, use the remaining letters to find out how many acres a gibbon needs to survive.

RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Grade the worksheet for completion or accuracy.
- Have students compare their answers in groups.

ANSWERS

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| 1. false | 8. true | Puzzle: 125 acres |
| 2. true | 9. true | |
| 3. true | 10. false | |
| 4. false | 11. true | |
| 5. false | 12. false | |
| 6. true | 13. true | |
| 7. false | | |



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Name _____

Read the gibbon facts below and cross off all numbers to the left of the sentences that are not true. Then add up the numbers on the left to solve the sentence at the bottom of the page.

- 20 1. Gibbons walk on all fours when they are on the ground.
- 18 2. A loud, songlike communication is used by gibbons to set the limits of their territory.
- 42 3. Gibbons have “thumbs” on both their hands and their feet.
- 33 4. Swinging through trees in the rain forests of South America is a favorite activity of gibbons.
- 20 5. Insects top the diet of most gibbons.
- 37 6. The gibbon's eyes are located on the front of its head to give it stereo vision.
- 28 7. A gibbon’s legs are longer than its arms so that it can climb trees easily.
- 12 8. Special rump pads help the gibbon sit comfortably on tree limbs.
- 3 9. Because of its opposable thumb, a gibbon is able to carry objects around.
- 45 10. A gibbon takes a drink of water by lapping its tongue like a dog.
- 6 11. Gibbons move rapidly through trees using a hand-over-hand motion.
- 29 12. The gibbon uses its tail for balancing and grabbing hold of tree limbs.
- 7 13. The life span of a gibbon is 25 to 30 years.

A gibbon family needs from 75 to _____ acres of land to survive.

