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MOUNTAIN GORILLAS

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1. Mountain Gorillas are: HERBIVORES CARNIVORES OMNIVORES
2. Due to unfortunate human activity, such as poaching and habitat destruction, the mountain gorilla has become the most _____ type of gorilla.
3. Today, the mountain gorilla's _____ is limited to protected national parks in two regions of Africa.
4. Gorillas display many human-like _____ and _____, such as laughter and sadness. They even make their own _____ to help them survive in the _____.
5. Gorillas are known for being very _____ animals.
6. In the wild they _____ through vocalizations, body language, facial expressions and gestures.
7. A group of gorillas is called a "_____."
8. A _____ gorilla is the mature, experienced _____ leader of a group of mountain gorillas in the wild.
9. Females usually give birth to only _____ baby every four to six years, and only _____ or _____ over her entire lifetime.
10. Fewer than _____ mountain gorillas remain on earth.
11. The largest scientific study of the great apes revealed they had 102 different _____ - more than any other _____.
12. Gorillas eat up to _____ pounds of food per day.



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COMMON NAME: Mountain Gorilla

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Gorilla beringei beringei*

TYPE: Mammals

DIET: Omnivores

GROUP NAME: Troop, band

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE WILD: 35 years

SIZE: Standing height, 4 to 6 ft

WEIGHT: 300 to 485 lbs

SIZE RELATIVE TO A 6-FT MAN:





The mountain gorilla, a large, strong ape inhabiting Africa's volcanic slopes, has few natural predators. Yet due to unfortunate human activity, such as poaching and habitat destruction, the mountain gorilla has become the most endangered type of gorilla.



MOUNTAIN GORILLA HABITAT

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CR STATUS
Critically Endangered

POPULATION
> 800



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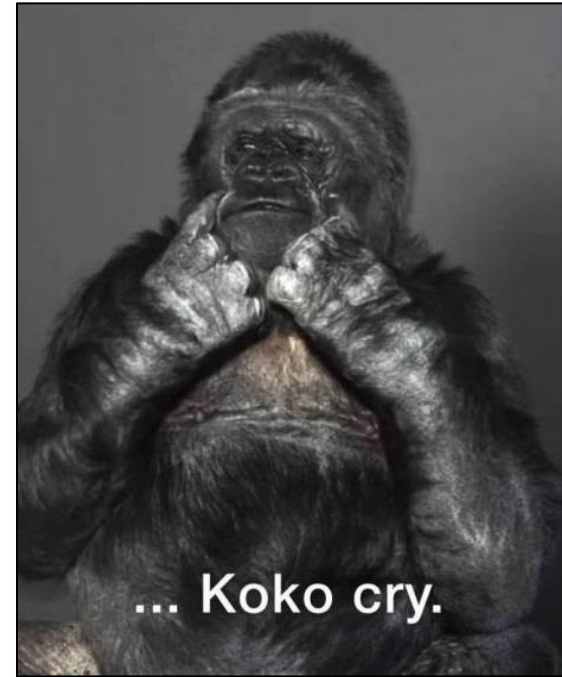
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Gorillas are known for being very intelligent animals. In the wild they communicate through vocalizations, body language, facial expressions and gestures.



In captivity gorillas, like Koko, have even learned to communicate using American Sign Language.



... Koko cry.

A group of gorillas is called a “troop.”

A troop can contain anywhere from 5 to 50 gorillas.





A **silverback** gorilla is the mature, experienced **male** leader of a group of mountain gorillas in the wild.

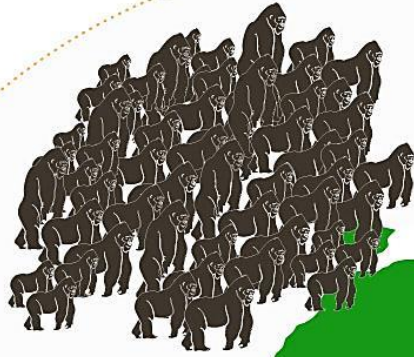
Named for the silver saddles across his back, the silverback is responsible for the safety of his troop.



The mighty silverback holds his important leadership position for many years.

Females usually give birth to only one baby every four to six years, and only three or four over her entire lifetime.





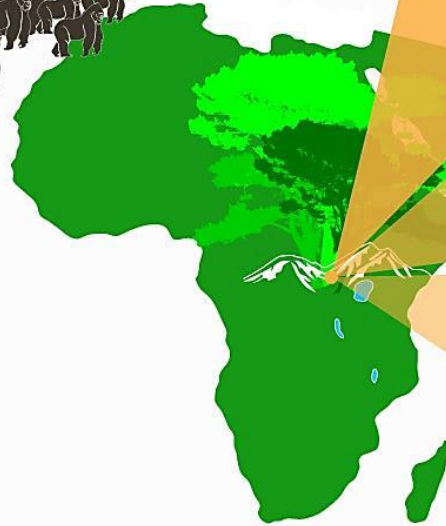
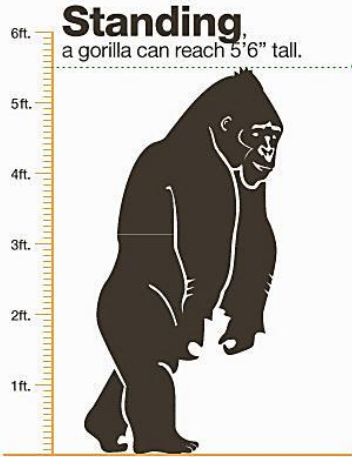
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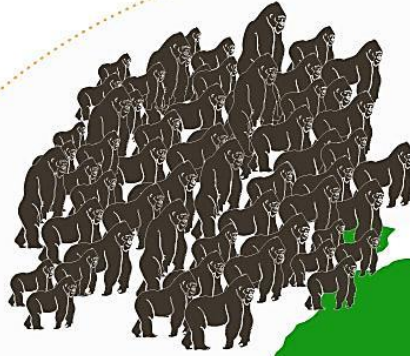
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A few more facts...

- ♥ Gorillas can contract human diseases like pneumonia.
- ♥ Adult male gorillas are approximately six times as strong as a man.
- ♥ The largest scientific study of the great apes revealed they had 102 different signals - more than any other mammal.
- ♥ Gorillas eat up to 66 pounds of food per day.
- ♥ Standing at up to 6 feet tall with arms that extend up to 8 feet wide, Gorillas are the largest living primates.