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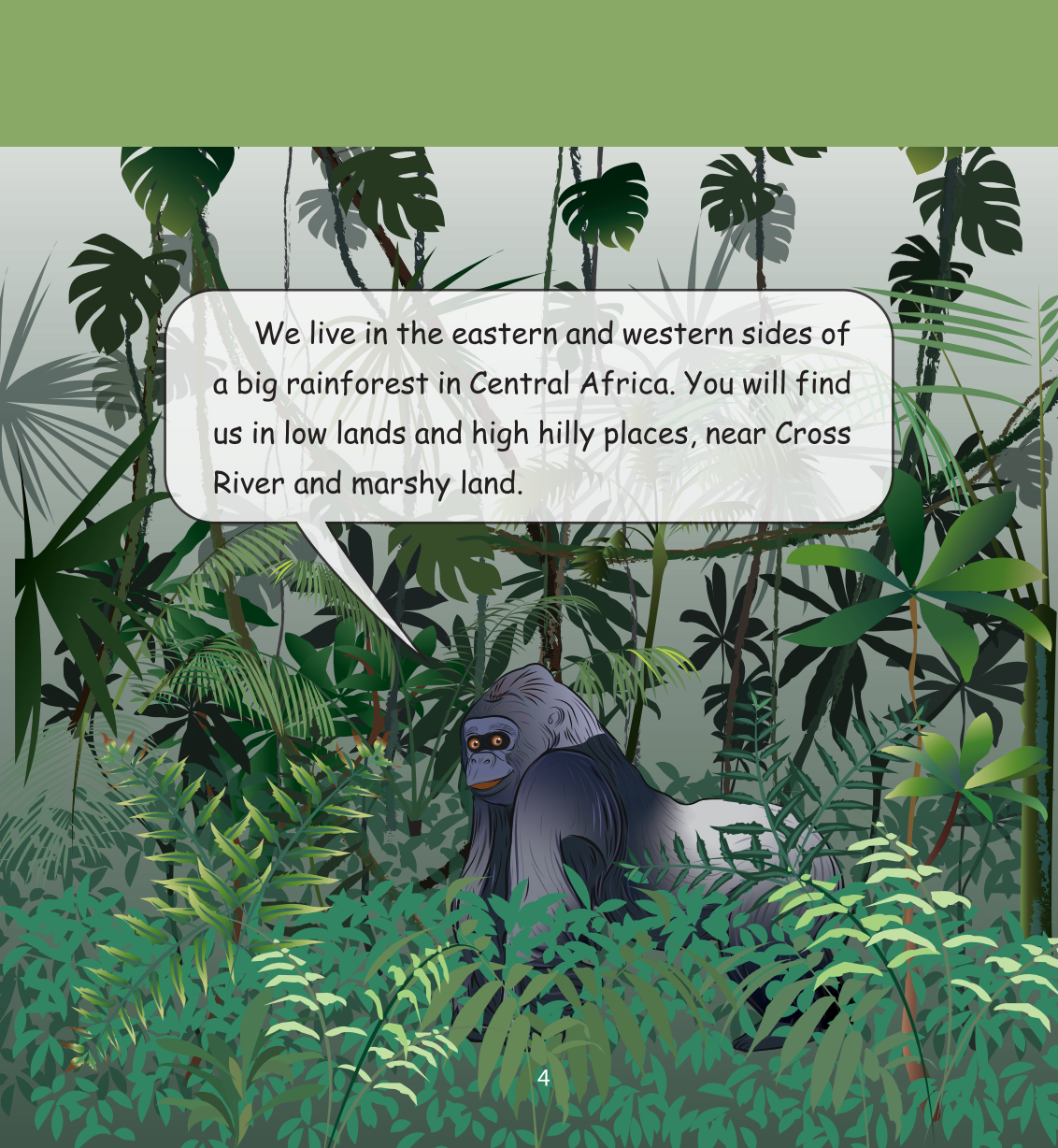
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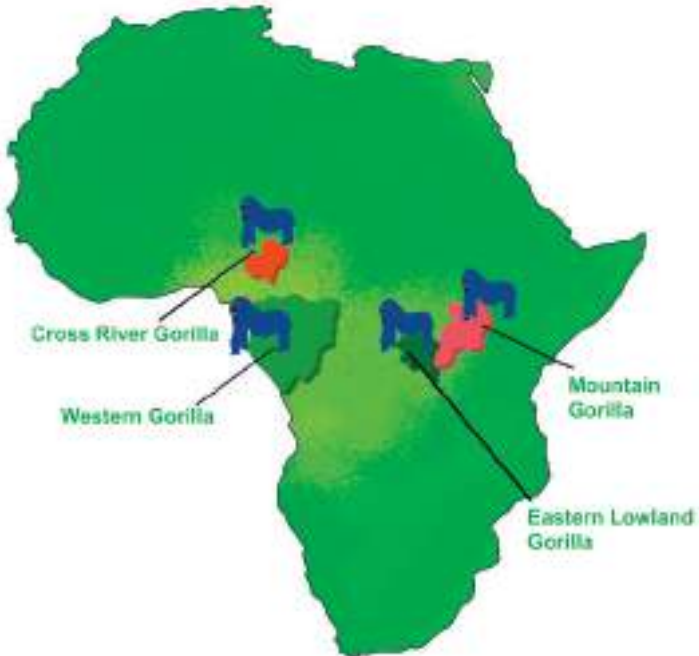
We Gorillas are the biggest and strongest apes. Many of you probably think we are chest-pounding, roaring, charging, scary brutes. But fact is, though we're strong, we are peaceful, gentle and social creatures.

An illustration of a gorilla in a lush rainforest. The gorilla is positioned in the lower center, partially obscured by dense green foliage. A white speech bubble with a black border is located in the upper left quadrant, containing text. The background is filled with various tropical plants, including large monstera leaves and palm fronds, set against a light green background.

We live in the eastern and western sides of a big rainforest in Central Africa. You will find us in low lands and high hilly places, near Cross River and marshy land.

Our mountain gorilla cousins live on the volcanic mountain forests in the eastern region. They have thick fur to with stand cold climate. There are cloud forests and bamboo forests in this region where we live.





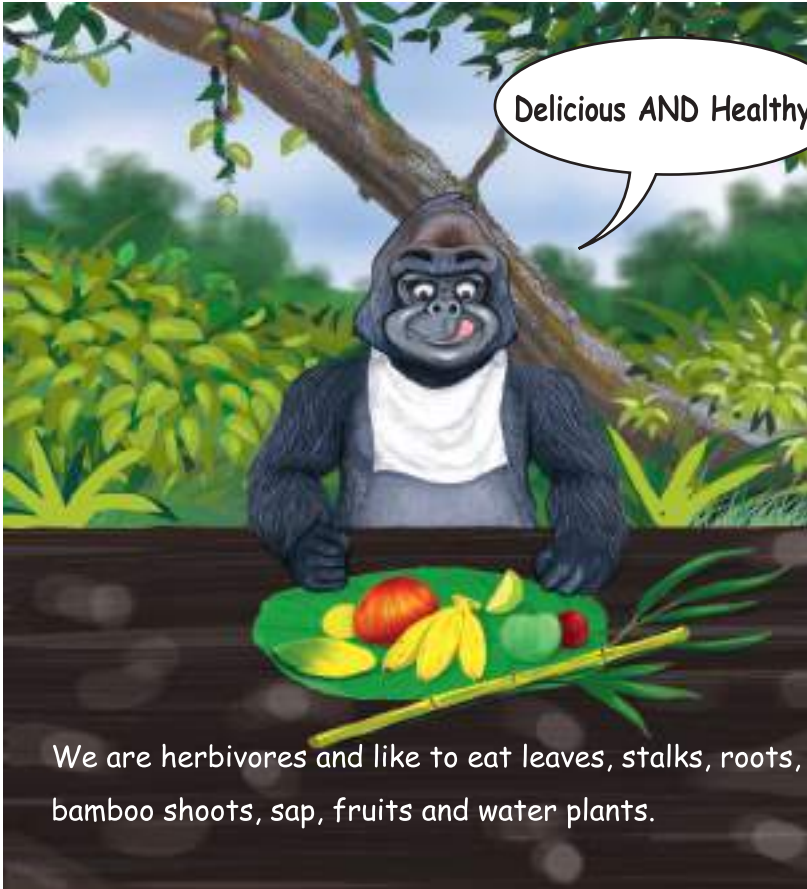
Our genus is *Gorilla* with two species based on where we live. So our scientific names are *Gorilla* the biggest of all and *Gorilla beringei* living in the east and west of the rain forests. We are splitted into four such as eastern lowland gorillas, eastern mountain gorillas, western low land gorillas and western Cross River gorillas.

We are strong, powerful and the largest living primates.

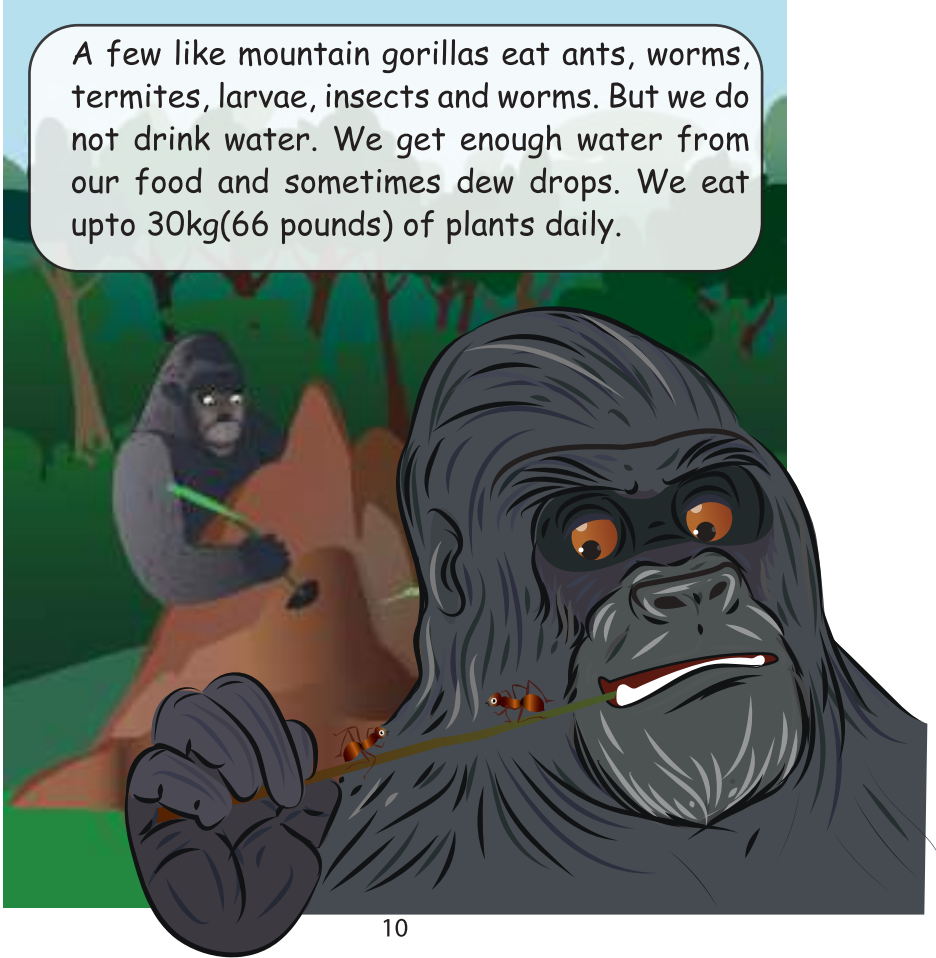



Adult gorillas grow upto a height of 5.5 feet and weigh 297 to 485pound(134-219 kg). Females are a bit shorter and weigh 154 to 198 pound.The young male gorillas aged 8 to 12 years with only black hair are called Blackbacks. The hair colour on the backs and stomachs of adult males of age 14 years and more changes to silver and gray and therefore called Silverbacks. They also get a crest on top of the head. Eastern Gorillas are jet black and western gorillas deep gray-brown.





A few like mountain gorillas eat ants, worms, termites, larvae, insects and worms. But we do not drink water. We get enough water from our food and sometimes dew drops. We eat upto 30kg(66 pounds) of plants daily.





YIKES!
They are
so scary!!!

We are strong, but do you know we
are afraid of small Chameleons and
Caterpillars



We are also scared of water and cross streams only on fallen legs. And, we don't like rain too.

We have many styles of communication like sounds, postures, gestures and facial actions on face. We make about 22 different sounds to express our feelings like friendly burps, playful chuckles, grunts, hoots, screams out of fear, alarm bark, loud roar. We show our emotions when we feel happy, sad, scared and angry. We laugh and cry to show our feelings.





We can run as fast as 24.8 miles(40 km) per hour.

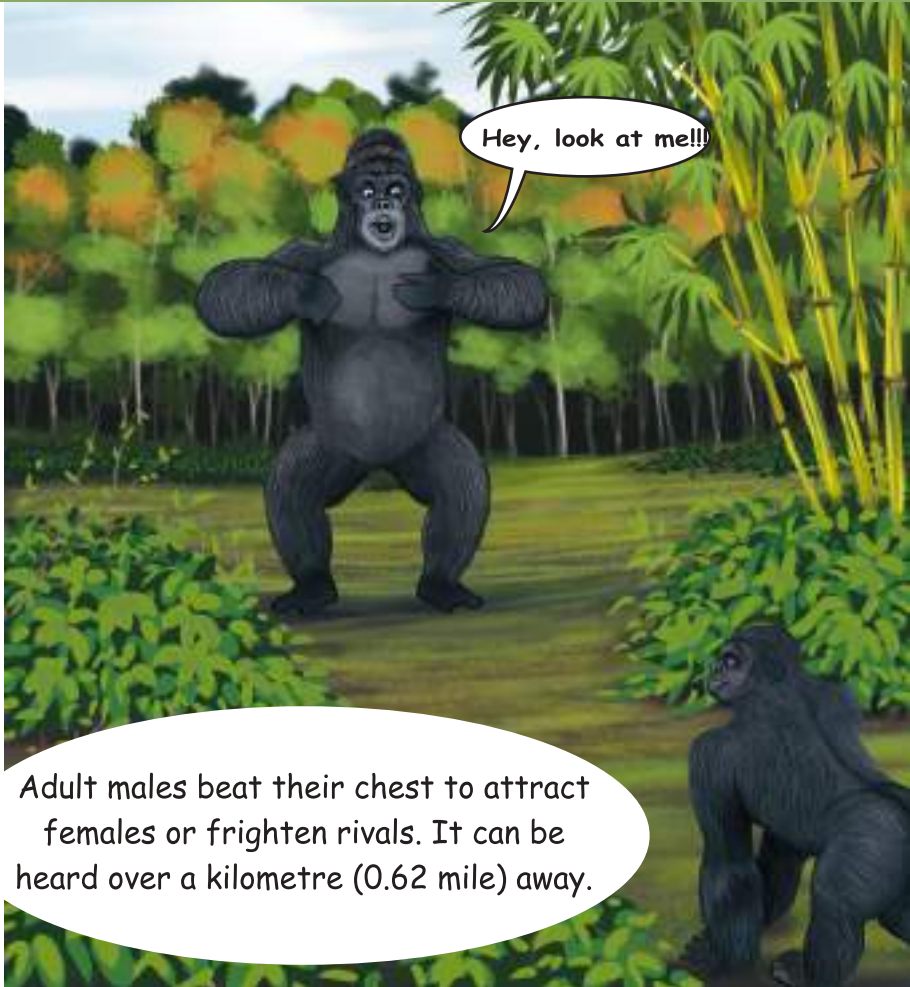
You won't get me!!!



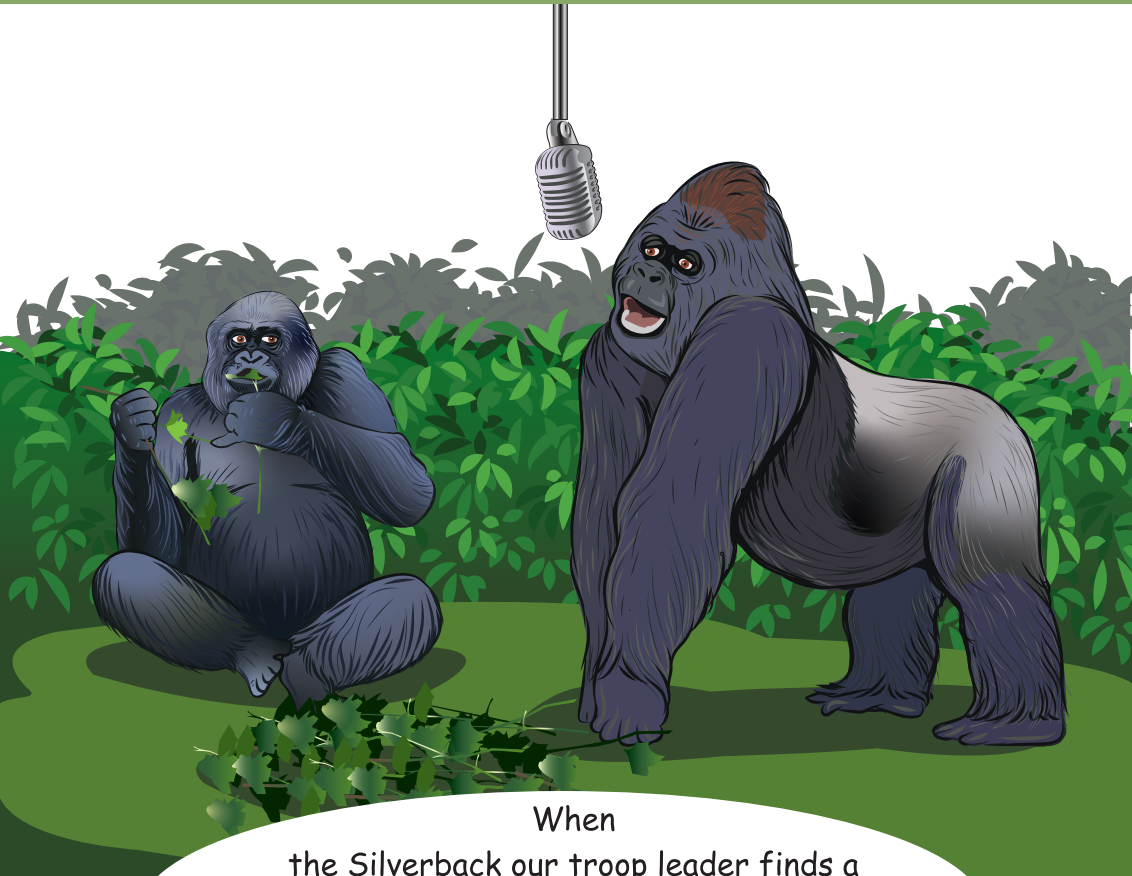
Baby gorillas that weigh only 4.4 pound (2kg) during birth are carried in mother's arms for the first three

Young ones ride on mother's back during the day and sleep in her nest at night.






Adult males beat their chest to attract females or frighten rivals. It can be heard over a kilometre (0.62 mile) away.



When
the Silverback our troop leader finds a
new lush of greenery for food he will start to sing.
All family members gather around and join him
singing chorus.



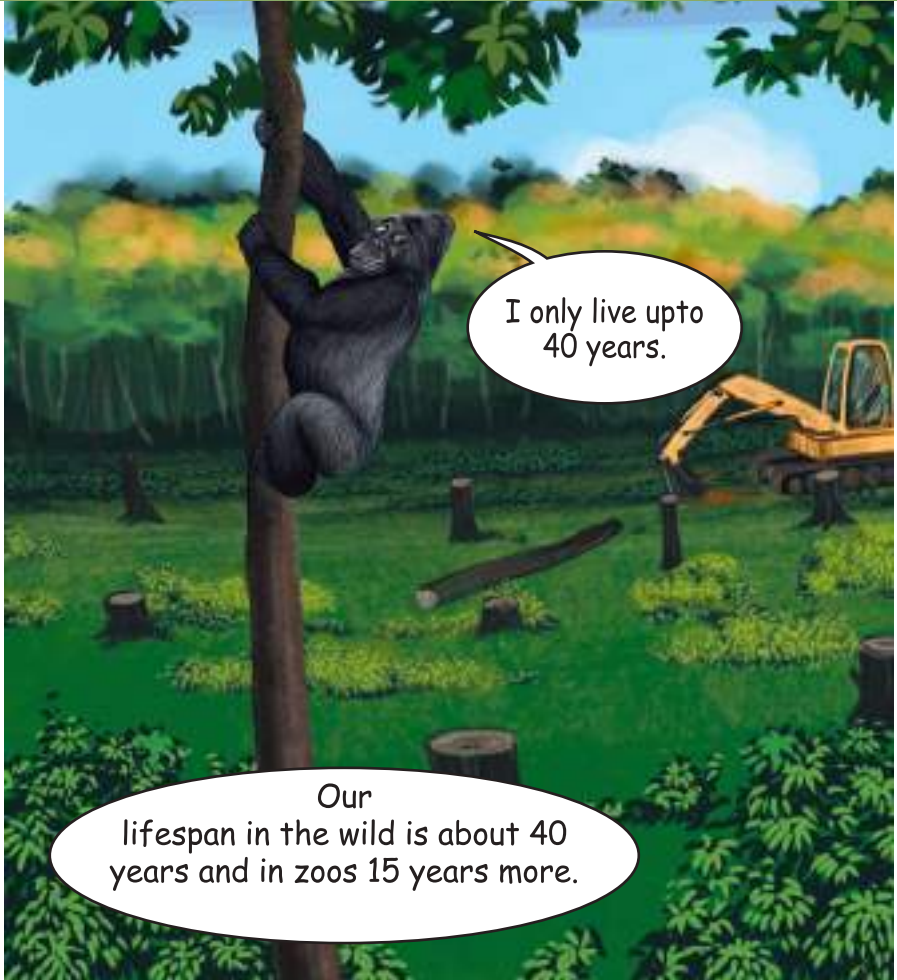
An hour
before sunset we build nests on the
ground or trees depending on safety &
security and go to bed by nightfall.

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We sleep
12 hours a night, but sometimes up
to 17 hours! Mountain Gorillas construct
new nests every evening.



I only live upto 40 years.

Our lifespan in the wild is about 40 years and in zoos 15 years more.

For 2 centuries, our numbers dwindled because of human poaching, hunting, wars and civil conflict in our habitats, ebola virus and we became almost extinct. Recent efforts by organisations and governments, creation of new sanctuaries and gorilla forests are thankfully beginning to make a change.

Individuals like you can also help in these efforts and if all such effort gain speed quickly, our genus will not disappear from the earth like the Dodo!



Good bye, dear friend!

Please help us survive in our natural habitats..both for your good and ours!

The Gorilla Quiz

- Q 1 : What are male adult Gorillas called?
- a) Yellowbacks
 - b) Brownbacks
 - c) Silverbacks
- Q 2 : Which of the following is gorillas afraid of?
- a) Lions
 - b) Bears
 - c) Caterpillars
- Q 3 : Where will you find gorillas in their natural habitat?
- a) Jungles of South East Asia
 - b) Rain forests of Central Africa
 - c) Amazon forests of South America
- Q 4 : What food does gorillas eat the most?
- a) Grains
 - b) Meat
 - c) Fruits & leaves
- Q 5 : Where do Gorillas sleep?
- a) In Nests
 - b) Inside Caves
 - c) On Grassy patches

Q 6 :To what age do gorillas live in the wild?

- a) 20 years
- b) 30 years
- c) 40 years

Q 7 : Are female gorillas bigger or smaller than the males?

- a) Bigger
- b) Smaller
- c) Similar size

Q 8 :How fast can gorillas run?

- a) 60 miles per hour
- b) 24.8 miles per hour
- c) Gorillas cannot run

Answers:

1-c 2-c 3-b 4-c 5-a 6-c 7-b 8-b

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