

Reading Comprehension Sheet
Gorillas

Use the factsheet to answer the questions below.

1. What do gorillas eat?

2. A gorilla's legs are longer than its arms. True or false?

3. Tick the statement that is true.

Gorillas are most active during the night. []

Gorillas are most active during the day. []

4. Where do gorillas sleep?

5. Why is the dominant male in a family group called a 'silverback'?

6. What is the name for males younger than a decade old whose hair has not yet turned silver?

7. Tick the correct answer.

Gorillas nurse their babies for about:

1 year []

2 years []

3 years []

4 years []

8. Is an adult male gorilla heavier or lighter than a human?

9. What is a gorilla's favourite food?

ANSWERS

1. Gorillas eat termites, fruit and plants.
2. False. (A gorilla's arms are longer than its legs.)
3. Gorillas are active during the day.
4. Gorillas sleep in nests of grass and leaves.
5. The dominant male in a family group is called a 'silverback' due to its silvery coloured hair on its back.
6. Males younger than a decade old are called 'blackbacks'.
7. Gorillas nurse their babies for about three years.
8. An adult male gorilla is three times heavier than a human.
9. A gorilla's favourite food is termites.