

AGE SUITABILITY

Key stage 2

LITERACY OBJECTIVES

Reading Comprehension Objectives:

- to practise skimming and scanning skills

Writing Objectives

- to write a small play about monkeys

Speaking Objectives

- to work on acting skills (tone of voice, projecting voice, key phrases) in order to perform a small play.

- to consolidate info about the Monkeys' lifestyle and their importance to the Rainforest.

ACTIVITY 1

Reading Comprehension Tasks

Instructions:

Divide the class into 3 groups. Each group is given one of the tasks below. They answer the questions individually, they learn as much as possible about their type of monkey and then they share their info with the group.

TASK A



The Woolly monkey lives in the rainforests of South America. They have a prehensile tail that can be used like a fifth limb for grabbing branches as they climb. Woolly monkeys live in relatively large social groups and feed on fruit.

(Source: www.mongabay.com)

- Where does the Woolly Monkey live?
- Look up the word PREHENSILE in your dictionary. What does it mean?
- What is a prehensile tail used for?
- What do Woolly Monkeys eat?

TASK B



The squirrel monkey lives in the rainforests of Central and South America. They are small monkeys that live in trees and have a prehensile tail that they use for balancing as they move about in the canopy. Squirrel monkeys live in large social groups and communicated with noisy calls.

Squirrel monkeys are omnivores, eating primarily fruits and insects. Occasionally they also eat nuts, buds, eggs and small vertebrates.

- Where does the Squirrel Monkey live?
- What is the prehensile tail used for?
- Do they live in small groups?
- How do they communicate?
- Look up the word OMNIVORES in the dictionary. What does it mean?

TASK C



Bolivian gray titi

The Bolivian gray Titi is a monkey found in the tropical forests of Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay. These monkeys feed on leaves, fruits and arthropods and rely on song-like calls for communication.

Titi monkeys form life-long pairs. A pair is rarely more than a few yards apart and does almost everything together, even sitting against each other with their tails intertwined in one long braid.

- Where does the Titi live?
- What do they eat?
- Look up the word ANTHROPODS in your dictionary. What does it mean?
- How do they communicate?
- What is special about their relationship?