

# Observing Chimps in the Wild

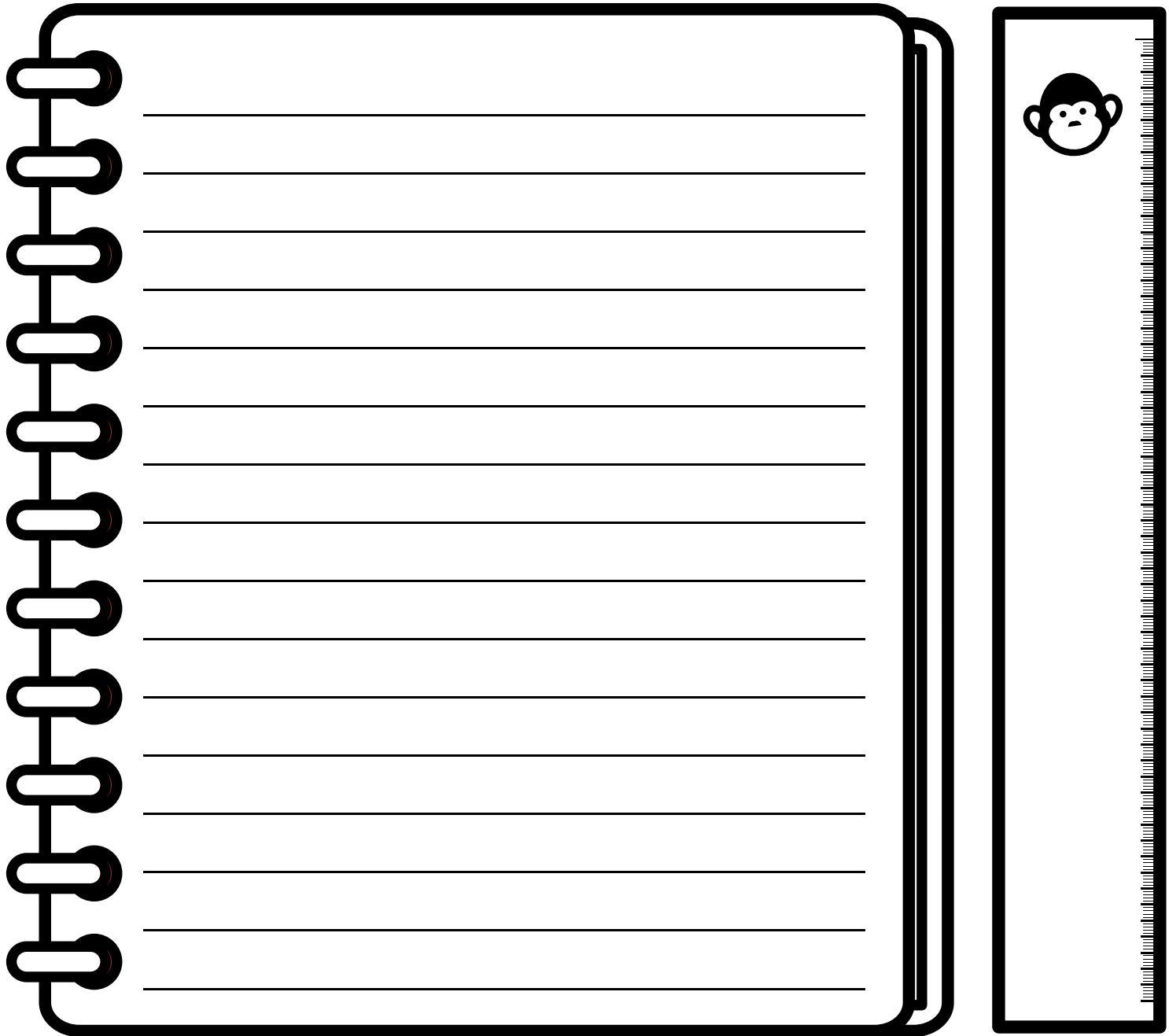
What are some characteristics of a chimpanzee?  
Complete the sentences below using these words.

culture   tools   altruism   rocks   emotions   fingers  
grass stem   communicate   nests   primatologist

1. Chimpanzees build \_\_\_\_\_ at night by bending over branches.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a scientist who studies primates like gorillas, orangutans and chimpanzees.
3. Jane Goodall was the first scientist to observe chimpanzees using and making \_\_\_\_\_, which people thought only humans did.
4. Jane observed a chimpanzee using a \_\_\_\_\_ to extract termites from a mound.
5. Chimpanzees squeeze each other's \_\_\_\_\_ to give reassurance and comfort.
6. Like humans, chimpanzees \_\_\_\_\_ with each other by kissing, embracing and holding hands.
7. Chimpanzees show signs of \_\_\_\_\_ by learning from one another and passing knowledge from one generation to the next through observation and imitation (copying).
8. Chimpanzees show \_\_\_\_\_ like happiness, sadness, fear and grief.
9. Another way chimpanzees use tools is by throwing \_\_\_\_\_ as weapons.
10. Chimpanzees show characteristics of love, compassion and \_\_\_\_\_, which is selfless concern for others.

# Observation Report

Imagine being Jane Goodall observing a chimpanzee using a tool for the first time. Write a recount describing this moment.



The image shows a spiral-bound notebook with a black cover and a silver spiral binding on the left. The notebook is open to a page with horizontal lines. To the right of the notebook is a vertical sidebar with a black border. Inside the sidebar, at the top, is a small black and white icon of a monkey's head. Below the icon is a vertical line of small, repeating text that reads "This is a sample text line for the sidebar." The notebook page has 15 horizontal lines, and the sidebar has a total height of approximately 580 pixels.

## What you can include:

- How Jane discovered that chimpanzees could use and make tools
- Why this discovery was so groundbreaking and exciting
- How this discovery could change the way humans see chimpanzees and possibly other animals.

# Threats to Chimpanzees

## Human overpopulation

As the human population grows, people need more land to live and produce food. Often this is done by cutting down forests and destroying chimpanzee habitat to build cities, roads and agricultural farms. Humans also harvest resources from the forests like vines for baskets, medicines, food and firewood, which further degrades natural habitat.



## Bushmeat trade

People have eaten wild animals like chimpanzees for tens of thousands of years in Africa, and there is still a high demand. The commercial hunting of chimpanzees is illegal in many places. However, poachers still hunt chimpanzees to sell as food. When mothers are killed, their babies are often sold for entertainment or as pets.



## Deforestation

Many chimpanzees have lost their habitat due to the destruction of forests. A vast number of trees are cut down to make room for farms and obtain wood. Loggers build roads in the forest which are often used by illegal poachers to hunt. When their habitat is lost, chimpanzee populations struggle to find new places to live and survive.



**Let's think:** A major underlying problem is human poverty in areas where chimpanzees live. As the population grows, people become more desperate to make money through farming, hunting and logging to survive.



Report name (what is your topic?) \_\_\_\_\_

Body (describe your chosen issue and how it affects chimpanzee populations. Then describe two to three solutions humans can make to save chimpanzees)

# Making an Activist

Read about four common methods of activism and choose one of the suggested activities to address an issue you care about.



## Community building

Community building involves bringing people together who share a common interest or need. Often these groups work together to create positive social, economic, cultural and environmental needs. Community-building activities include things like building and gardening projects, planting trees, creating artwork or running a cooperative.

## Lobbying

Lobbying is an attempt to influence or change the actions, plans and policies of officials, law-makers and leaders. Lobbyists usually target governments and businesses to influence laws, practices and decisions. It can be done by an individual or a lobby group. Examples of lobbying include writing letters and meeting with officials.



## Petitioning

A petition is a formal request to do something, usually made to law-makers and organisation. It is typically a document signed by a number of people and addressed to a specific leader, business or official. Petitions are often created, shared and delivered online, but can also be done on paper and delivered in the mail or in person.

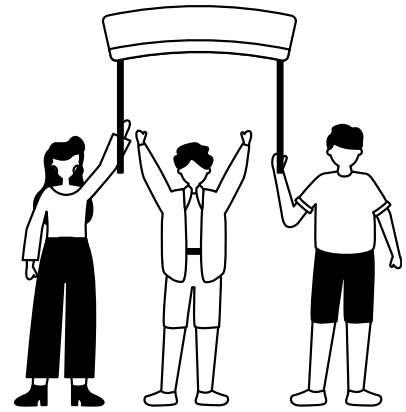
## Protesting


A protest is a public expression of objection or disapproval towards an idea or course of action. It can be done by an individual or as an organised group. There are many different types of protests, including rallies (mass gatherings), boycotts (e.g. refusing to buy certain products), protest songs, art, sit-ins (refusing to leave a place until demands are met) and strikes.





# Making an Activist: Suggested Activities


What's an issue you care about? Complete one of the activist activities below.



 Design a flyer to inform people about your issue and ask them to make a certain decision or change. Make sure your text is clear and easy to read by using paragraphs and headings. Include pictures and a strong call to action.


 Write down a plan for a community project. Set out your goal and write down clear steps for how you will bring people together to work on your project. How many people do you need? What outcomes do you want to see? How long do you think it will take to achieve them?


 Write a letter to an official asking them to take a certain action or make a certain decision. Can you think of any words that can persuade your reader? What tone will you use?

 Create a petition addressed to a law-maker or business (use a made up name). The goal is to convince as many people as you can to sign it.

**Don't forget...**

Always explain why your issue is so important.  
Remember that other people might not know as much as you do about your topic.

 Write a song or poem to help people understand your issue and inspire them to take a course of action. You can also create an artwork or a short film.

 Design an event poster inviting people to join a protest rally. Include a powerful image and slogan. Remember that you are limited by how many words you can fit, so choose them carefully. Which words and colours do you think will catch people's attention?