What it’s like to be a gorilla

Complete these Field Notes, then look at the answer page to see if your findings are the same as ours.

WHAT ARE GORILLAS?
[ ] Apes
[ ] Monkeys
[ ] Homo sapiens
[ ] Bigfoot

HOW BIG DO THEY GET?
[ ] 50 pounds (1 foot tall)
[ ] 100 pounds (3 feet tall)
[ ] 400 pounds (6 feet tall)
[ ] 800 pounds (Kong size)

WHAT DO GORILLAS EAT?
[ ] Mostly meat
[ ] Mostly plants
[ ] Fish and fruit
[ ] Banana sundaes

WHAT DO THEY SLEEP?
[ ] Cave
[ ] Tree forts
[ ] Nest made of leaves
[ ] Underground lair

WHERE DO GORILLAS LIVE?
[ ] Only in forests of Africa
[ ] Deserts of the Middle East
[ ] Mountains of Asia
[ ] Skull Island

Gorilla feet
Unlike human feet, gorillas have an opposable toe allowing them to grasp items with their feet. It’s like having four hands!

*You might need to ask an adult for help!"
gorilla facts

- Gorillas are just about 4 1/2 pounds at birth. Their mother carries them around in her arms until they can grab her fur, and then they ride on the mother’s back.
- When gorillas are about 3 1/2 or 4 years old, they get around on their own, though they may stay close to their mothers for a while.

I’m called a “silverback” because the band of light grey hair across my back shows I’m full-grown and ready to lead and protect my group.

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