

All About Gorillas



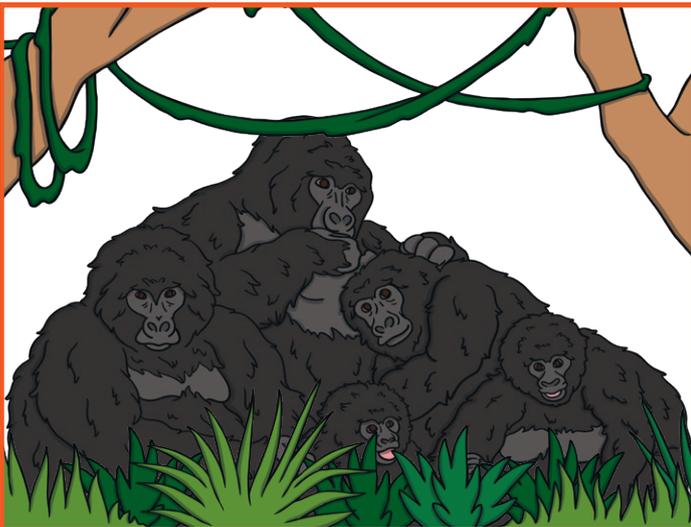
Gorillas are big apes. They live in the tropical rainforests of Central Africa.

Gorillas are strong mammals. They have long arms and black fur. Gorillas like to walk on their hands and feet.

A family group of gorillas is called a troop. Baby gorillas are called infants.

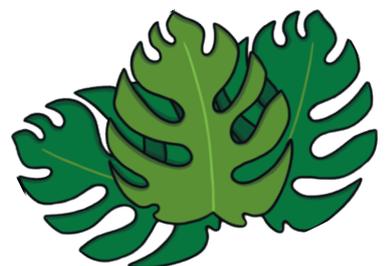
Forests are being cut down. Many gorillas have lost their homes.

Many people are working hard to protect gorillas.



Every troop has a male gorilla as its leader. This gorilla is called a silverback.

Gorillas eat plants and fruit. They don't drink much water. There is a lot of water inside the food that gorillas eat.



Questions

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- America
- Africa

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All About Gorillas

Gorillas live in the tropical rainforests of Central Africa. They are the largest apes in the world.

What Do Gorillas Look Like?

Gorillas are very strong mammals. They have wide shoulders and long arms. Gorillas often travel around on their hands and feet.

Two Types of Gorilla



mountain gorillas:

- have darker, longer fur
- are bigger
- eat mainly fruit
- live in mountain forests



lowland gorillas:

- have lighter, shorter fur
- are smaller
- eat mainly plants
- live in lowland forests

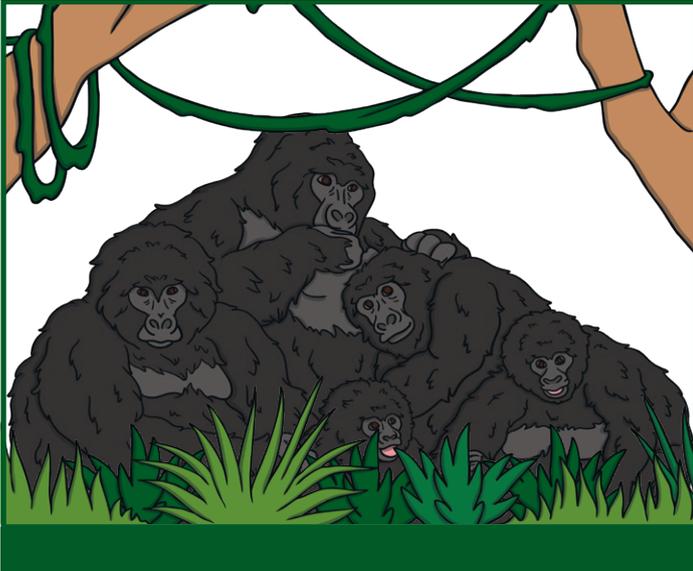
Did You Know...?

Gorillas are closely related to humans. They are very clever and can show lots of feelings.



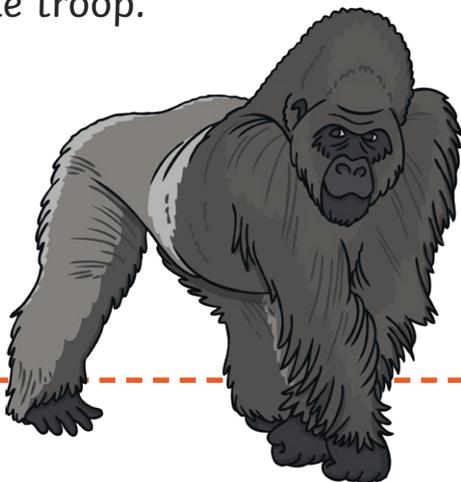
Family Troops

Gorillas travel around in family groups called troops. Each troop has one leader called a silverback. The rest of the troop includes females and their infants.



What is a Silverback?

Silverbacks are male gorillas with grey hair on their shoulders and backs. They are in charge of finding food for the troop.

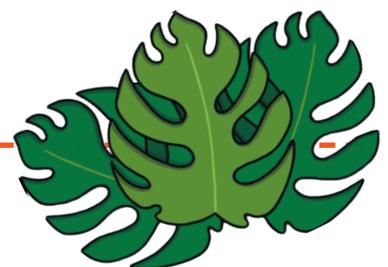


Gorillas Live in Forests

Gorillas spend a lot of time eating fruit and plants. They will sometimes eat insects. Gorillas hardly drink water because there is a lot of water in the foods that they eat.



Many forests in Africa are being cut down. This has left many gorillas with nowhere to live. Lots of people have been working hard to help protect gorillas.



Questions

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- elephants
- humans
- lions

2. Where do gorillas live? Tick one.

- deserts
- grasslands
- forests

3. Which foods do gorillas eat? Tick **two**.

- insects
- plants
- snakes

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All About Gorillas

Gorillas live in the tropical rainforests of Central Africa and they are the largest apes in the world.

Appearance

Gorillas are strong mammals with broad shoulders, large stomachs and long arms. They have small eyes and large nostrils. Gorillas grow to a height of between four and six feet tall.

Two Types of Gorilla



Mountain gorillas live in the mountain forest areas of Africa.



Lowland gorillas live in tropical forest areas.

Both types of gorilla look very similar. However, mountain gorillas have longer and darker hair. They are also heavier than lowland gorillas.

Did You Know...?

Gorillas can walk on two feet but they mostly move around using both their knuckles and feet.



Family Groups

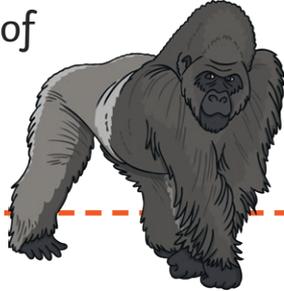
Gorillas travel around in family troops of between five and ten. Each troop usually has one leader called a silverback. The rest of the troop is made up of females and their infants.



What is a Silverback?

Silverbacks are male gorillas who develop greyish hair on their shoulders and backs. Not all male gorillas become silverbacks.

They are in charge of finding food for the troop.



Did You Know...?

A scientist once taught a gorilla named Koko to use and understand simple sign language.

Gorillas Under Threat



A lot of gorillas have been hunted and their habitat has been destroyed. Gorillas are at risk of becoming extinct. This means that there could be no gorillas left if they aren't protected. Many charities have been working hard to save gorillas.



A Vegetarian Diet

Gorillas spend a lot of their day munching on fruit and plants. However, they will occasionally eat small animals and insects.



Did You Know...?

Gorillas hardly drink! This is because there is a lot of water in the foods that they eat.

Gorillas Are Similar to Humans

Gorillas are closely related to humans. They are very intelligent and can show different emotions. Gorillas have the same number of teeth as humans. They even grow two sets of teeth in their lifetime as we do.

Questions

1. Gorillas are the largest _____ in the world. Tick one.

- mammals
- apes
- animals

2. Draw **three** lines and match each sentence to the section of the text that it is found in. One has been done for you.

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- playful
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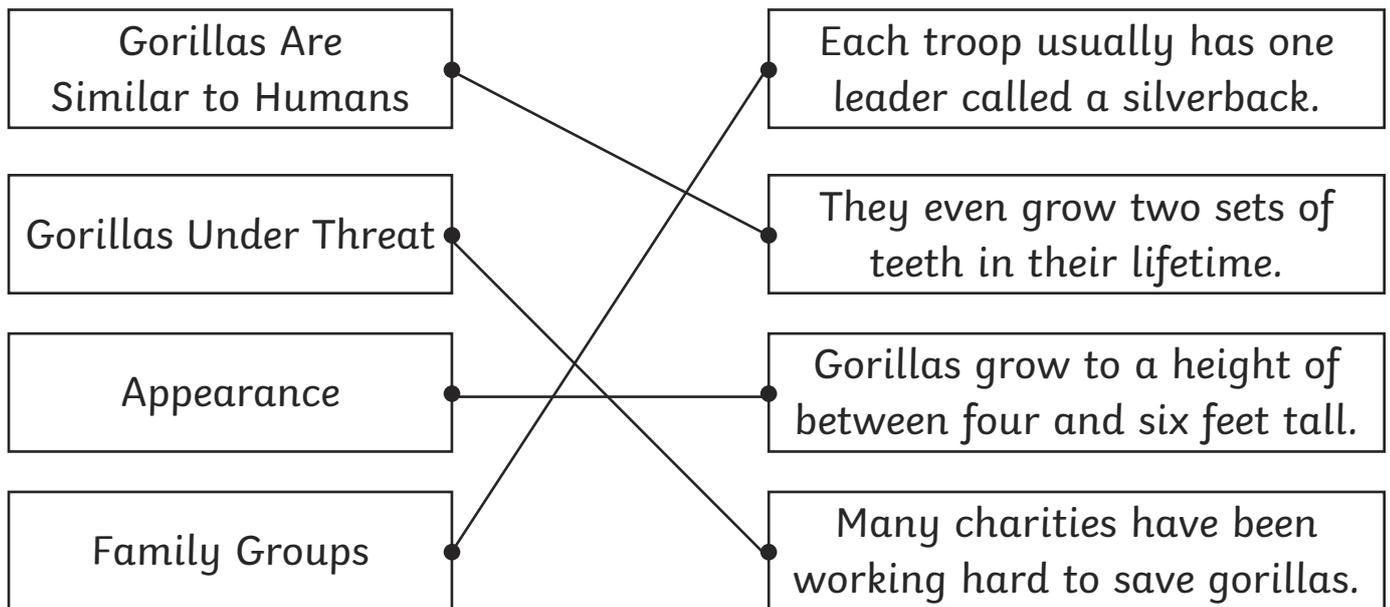
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Accept any of the following: mountain gorillas live in the mountain forest areas of Africa/lowland gorillas live in tropical forest areas; mountain gorillas have longer hair/lowland gorillas have shorter hair; mountain gorillas have darker hair/lowland gorillas have lighter hair; mountain gorillas are heavier/lowland gorillas are lighter.

5. Why do gorillas hardly drink?

Gorillas hardly drink because there is a lot of water in the foods that they eat.

6. Why do you think that a gorilla troop usually only has one silverback?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that gorilla troops usually only have one silverback back because they are the leader. It would be difficult if there were more than one leader as the silverbacks may fight with each other.

All About Koalas



Where Do Koalas Live?

Koalas live in Australia. They live in trees called eucalyptus trees.



What Do Koalas Eat?

Koalas eat leaves from eucalyptus trees.



Koala Babies

A koala baby is called a joey. A koala joey lives in its mum's pouch until it is about six months old.



What Do Koalas Do?

Koalas spend most of their time in trees. They have strong arms and legs and sharp claws. They have two thumbs on their front paws to help them to grip and climb.



Koalas are mostly nocturnal. This means that they are most active at night.

Koalas can sleep for about 20 hours a day!

Questions

1. Koalas live in _____. Tick one.

- Africa
- America
- Australia

2. Koalas eat leaves from _____ trees. Tick one.

- big
- eucalyptus
- green

3. What is a baby koala called? Tick one.

- a jamie
- a jimmy
- a joey

4. Which one of these sentences is true? Tick one.

- Koalas spend most of their time in trees.
- Koalas spend none of their time in trees.
- Koalas spend all of their time in trees.

5. How many hours a day can koalas sleep? Tick one.

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All About Koalas

Koalas live in Australia. It is the only place in the world that they can be found living in the wild. They live in forest and woodland habitats. The trees they live in are called eucalyptus trees.

Koalas are mostly nocturnal. This means that they are most active at night but they can sometimes be active in the daytime.

What Do Koalas Look Like?

Koalas have mainly grey or grey-brown fur. Their heads are round with big, fluffy ears. They have small eyes and a large, black nose.

Baby Koalas

Koalas are marsupials. A marsupial is an animal that carries its baby in a pouch. A baby koala is called a joey. A koala joey stays in its mother's pouch for about six months.



Did You Know...?

A kangaroo is also a marsupial.

Koalas spend most of their time in trees. They have very strong arms and legs and sharp claws. They have two thumbs on their front paws to help them to grip and climb.



Fun Facts

Koalas have fingerprints.
Koalas can sleep for about 20 hours a day!

What Do Koalas Eat?

Koalas are herbivores. This means that they only eat plants. They mainly eat eucalyptus leaves from the trees that they live in. Eucalyptus leaves are thick and have water inside them. This is where koalas get most of their water from.



Questions

1. What type of trees do koalas live in? Tick one.

- cherry trees
- eucalyptus trees
- oak trees

2. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

- They have small eyes and a large, black nose.
- Koalas live in Australia.
- Koalas are marsupials.

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

A baby koala is...

an animal that carries its baby in a pouch.

A marsupial is...

mostly nocturnal.

Koalas are...

called a joey.

4. Fill in the missing words.

Koalas can sleep for about _____ a day.

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Answers

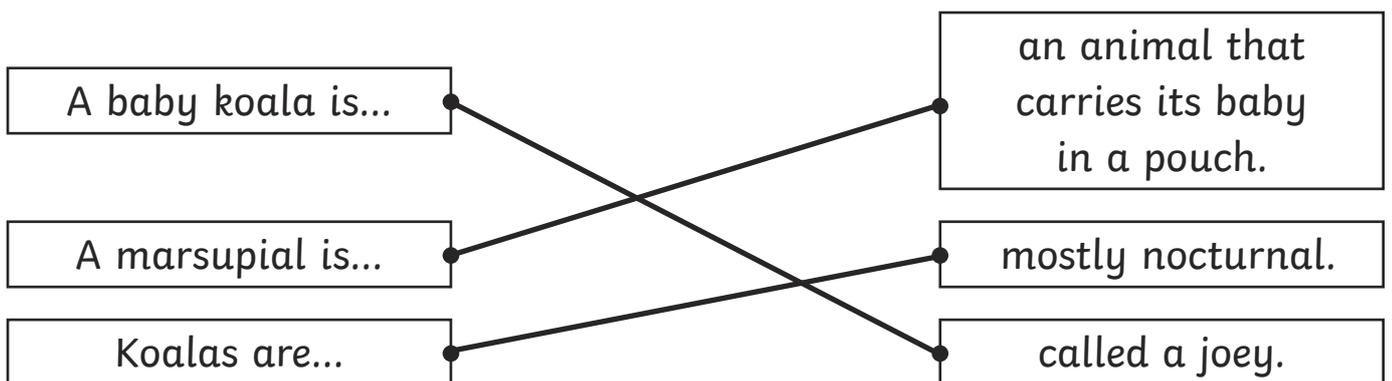
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All About Koalas

Koalas live in Australia. This is the only place in the world that they can be found living in the wild. Koalas are arboreal animals. This means that they live in trees. They live in forest and woodland habitats. The trees they live in are called eucalyptus trees. Koalas are also mostly **nocturnal** but they are sometimes active during the day.



What Do Koalas Look Like?

Koalas have mainly grey or grey-brown fur. Their heads are round with big, fluffy ears. They have small eyes and a large, black nose. Koalas do not have good eyesight but they do have a good sense of smell and good hearing.

Some people call them koala bears but this is not correct. Koalas are not bears. They are marsupials.

Baby Koalas

A marsupial is an animal that carries its baby in a pouch. A koala baby is called a joey. They are born with no fur and they can not see or hear. They crawl into their mother's pouch where they carry on growing. This takes about six months. Young koalas often ride on their mother's back.



Fun Fact

A newborn baby koala is the size of a bean.



Did You Know...?

A kangaroo is also a marsupial.

What Do Koalas Do?

Koalas spend most of their time in trees and only come down to move to a different tree. They eat and sleep in trees and can sleep for about 20 hours a day. Koalas have very strong arms and legs and sharp claws. They have rough pads on their paws and two thumbs on their front paws to help them to grip and climb.



Fun Fact

Koalas have fingerprints.

What Do Koalas Eat?

Koalas are **herbivores**. They only eat leaves and mainly eat the eucalyptus leaves from the trees that they live in. Eucalyptus leaves are very thick and contain water so this is where Koalas get most of their water from. This means that koalas do not often have to climb down from the trees to have a drink.

Glossary

herbivores: An animal that eats plants.

nocturnal: Active at night.

Questions

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3. What is the first fact that we learn when reading the text?

4. Fill in the missing word.

Koalas are not _____.

5. Find and copy one word that describes an animal that only eats plants.

6. What do you think would happen to koalas if lots of the eucalyptus trees are cut down?

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The first fact that we learn is that koalas live in Australia.

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herbivore

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the koalas would be in danger because they would have nowhere to live and no food to eat.

All About Parrots

A parrot is a bird. They are not all the same. There are lots of different colours of parrots and there are lots of different sizes.

Some parrots have bright feathers



and some parrots have plain feathers.

All parrots have two things that are the same.

- **They all have a strong, curved beak.**
- **They all have four toes.**

Most parrots live in forests in hot places. Some parrots live in grasslands and some live in snowy places.

Most parrots like to eat nuts, seeds and buds. They also eat fruit, berries and vegetables. They can open a nutshell with their strong beak. They can hold their food with their feet.



Questions

1. Parrots are _____. Tick one.
 - insects
 - fish
 - birds

2. All parrots have _____ things that are the same. Tick one.
 - two
 - four
 - three

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All About Parrots

- A parrot is a type of bird but not all parrots are the same. There are many different colours and sizes of parrots. The smallest type of parrot is less than 10cm in length. The biggest can be to be over 100cm from the top of its head to the tip of its tail!

What Do Parrots Look Like?

Parrots all look different but they all have two things that are the same.

- **They all have a strong, curved beak.**
- **They all have four toes.**

Lots of parrots have bright feathers but some are quite plain like the African grey.



Where Do Parrots Live?

Parrots live together in groups called flocks. They live in lots of different places around the world. They are mainly found in southern parts where it's warm. Most types of parrots live in forests. Some live in grasslands and some even live in snowy places.

What Do Parrots Eat?

Parrots mainly eat nuts, seeds and buds. They also eat fruit, berries and vegetables. Some eat the nectar from flowers. Some like to eat insects and grubs.

Did You Know...?

A parrot can use its feet to hold food to eat.



Fun Fact

Some kinds of parrots can learn to say words or make the sound of an object. This is because they are very good at copying the sounds they hear.

Questions

1. Fill in the missing word.

Parrots mainly eat _____, seeds and buds.

2. Where do most types of parrots live? Tick one.

- in snowy places
- in forests
- in grasslands

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

The biggest type
of parrot...

is less than 10cm in length.

The smallest type
of parrot...

is a type of bird.

A parrot...

can be over 100cm from the top
of its head to the tip of its tail.

4. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order in which they appear the text.

- They have four toes on their feet.
- They live in lots of different places around the world.
- They have a strong, curved beak.

5. Find and copy one word which means groups of parrots.

Answers

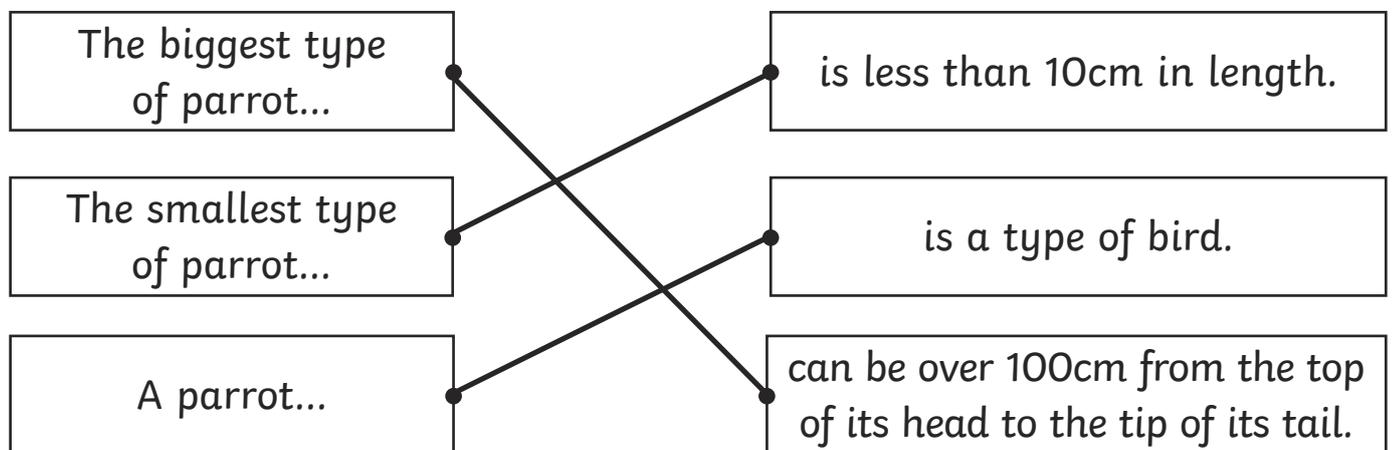
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The Main Features of a Parrot

Parrots can look very different but they all have two features that are the same.

- They have a strong, curved beak.
- They have **zygodactyl** feet.

They use their strong beaks to crack open nuts and seeds. Their feet are used to climb, balance and to hold their food.

Many parrots have bright, colourful feathers but some are quite plain like the African grey.



Where Do Parrots Live?

Parrots are social birds and live together in **flocks**. They live in lots of different places around the world. They are mainly found in southern parts where it's warm, like South America and Australia. Their main **habitat** is in forests but some live in grasslands and some even live in snowy places.

What Do Parrots Eat?

Parrots eat mainly plant-based foods like nuts, seeds and buds. They also eat fruit, berries and vegetables. Some can use their tongue to get the nectar from flowers. Some like to eat insects and grubs.

Did You Know...?

Parrots can use their feet to hold food up to their beaks to eat.



Can Parrots Talk?

Some parrots can be very noisy birds. They screech and squawk loudly to communicate with each other.

Some types of parrots can learn to say words or make the same noise as an object. This is because they are very good at copying the sounds they hear.

Glossary

flock: A group of the same kind of birds.

habitat: The natural home of an animal.

zygodactyl: Birds' feet that have four toes with two pointing forwards and two pointing backwards.

Did You Know...?

Some types of parrots can live for over 50 years!

Questions

1. Which word describes a group of birds? Tick one.

- habitat
 flock
 features

2. Fill in the missing word.

Their main habitat is in forests but some live in _____ and some even live in snowy places.

3. What is the first fact that we learn when reading the text?

4. Find and copy the word that describes a bird's foot with four toes.

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 They have zygodactyl feet.
 1 The smallest type of parrot is less than 10cm in length.
 They use their strong beaks to crack open nuts and seeds.

What else would you like to find out about parrots? Write a question.

Answers

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The first fact that we learn is that parrots are a type of bird.

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zygodactyl

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Pupils' own responses, such as: What is the name of the smallest type of parrot?; What types of parrots live in snowy places?; Can all parrots fly?