



## THE SMARTEST ANIMALS

# Gorillas

### **Say What?**

Studying gorillas can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book that you've never heard or seen before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words and use each word in a new sentence.



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### Why Do I Care?

This book discusses how gorillas are endangered and facing extinction. Even if you don't live near gorillas, why should you care about this problem? Write down two or three reasons humans should care about gorilla decline.



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### **Dig Deeper**

After reading this book, what questions do you have about primatologists? Do you want to learn more about their work in the wild? Or how they teach captive gorillas? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about this profession that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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### **You Are There**

Chapter Five discusses how conservationists work hard to protect the lives of gorillas. Imagine you are a hungry boy or girl living in a poor village near a forest where gorillas live. Scientists have just arrived in your village to try to convince you not to hunt gorillas. Write 300 words about your experience. Do you agree with them? How do your parents and other villagers feel?