

ALL ABOUT ORANGUTANS

During this passport, Mr. B will touch on the following:

- ☀ What are some differences between apes and monkeys?
- ☀ How are orangutans different from other great apes?
- ☀ How intelligent are they?
- ☀ How endangered are they?
- ☀ Why do baby orangutans live so long with their mothers?

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

- ☀ www.wildlifesearch.com
- ☀ www.arkive.org
- ☀ www.sandiegozoo.org
- ☀ www.nationalgeographic.com
- ☀ www.phoenixzoo.org
- ☀ <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>
- ☀ <http://www.worldwildlife.org/apes/>



RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

- ☀ "Orangutan Odyssey" by Birute Galdikas
- ☀ "Orangutans: Wizards of the Rainforest" by Anne Russon
- ☀ "Orangutans in Danger" by Helen Orme
- ☀ "Welcome to the World of Orangutans" by Diane Swanson

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

- ☀ What are some differences between orangutans and the other great apes?
- ☀ What are some differences between monkeys and apes?
- ☀ How serious is the endangered status of orangutans? What can we do about it?
- ☀ Where do orangutans live in the wild?
- ☀ What are some tools that orangutans use in the wild?
- ☀ Why do baby orangutans live so long with their mothers?

ACTIVITY 1

Imagine that you are a zoo keeper and that you have to go food shopping for the orangutans in your zoo. Create a grocery list of food items for orangutans (remember, they are omnivores!).



ACTIVITY 2

Research the endangered status of orangutans and talk with a family member or friend about how serious this situation really is. Mention some things that we can do to improve this situation.

ACTIVITY 3

Do some more research on great apes, and list the differences and similarities between orangutans and the other great apes (chimps, gorillas, and bonobos).