


ANIMAL PLANET
PRESENTS
10 FACTS

Tricky Words

omnivore

Asia

inhabit

injured

captured

depend

dependent

extinction

deforestation

critically

endangered



Orangutan

Orangutans feed on wild fruit such as lychees and figs, but they also eat bark and insects which mean that they are an omnivore like humans.



Orangutans are great apes who can be found in Asia. They inhabit Malaysia and Indonesia where they live in the rainforests on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

There are three types of Orangutan and all are critically endangered.

Their scientific names are *Pongo Abelii*, *Pongo Pygmaeous* and *Pongo tapanuliensis*

In the wild these great apes often live alone and on average can live for 30 – 40 years if they are not injured or captured.

Standing at 4-5ft tall, Orangutans are about the same height as an 11 year old human but they can weigh between 5 and 12 stones making them much heavier than most Y6 children!

Orangutans depend on the trees in the rainforest for food and for shelter. They have been observed, in the wild, using large leaves as umbrellas. Because they are so dependent on the trees this means that they are in danger of extinction because of deforestation and other human activities such as hunting.

Orangutan

What are their sceintific names?

What do they eat?



How big are they?

Where do they live?

How long do they live in the wild?

An interesting fact:

Why are they becoming endangered?

Orangutan



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There’s a ‘Rang-tan’ in my bedroom

There’s a Rang-tan in my bedroom and I don’t know what to do.
She plays with all my teddies and keeps borrowing my shoe.
She destroys all of my houseplants and she keeps on shouting “ooo!”
She throws away my chocolate and she howls at my shampoo.
There’s a Rang-tan in my bedroom and I don’t want her to stay.
So I told the naughty Rang-tan that she had to go away.
Oh Rang-tan in my bedroom, just before you go…
Why were you in my bedroom?
I really want to know.



There’s a human in my forest and I don’t know what to do.
He destroyed all of our trees for your food and your shampoo.

There’s a human in my forest and I don’t know what to do.
He took away my mother and I’m scared he’ll take me too.

There are humans in my forest and I don’t know what to do.
They’re burning it for palm oil so I thought I’d stay with you.

Oh Rang-tan in my bedroom now I do know what to do.
I’ll fight to save your home and I’ll stop you feeling blue.
I’ll share your story far and wide so others can fight too.
Oh Rang-tan in my bedroom I swear it on the stars
The future’s not yet written but I’ll make sure it is ours.


There’s a Rang-tan in my bedroom

Dear Prime Minister,

I am sure that you receive many letters. This letter is one which must not be ignored. This letter is of the utmost importance. This letter comes to you with a plea that you will promise to help save an innocent, endangered animal: the orangutan.

I don’t know if you are aware, but orangutans are only found in the rainforests of Asia. They live in Malaysia, Indonesia, Borneo and Sumatra. These great apes rely upon the rainforest to provide them with food and shelter. In fact, did you know that their name literally means ‘person of the forest’. Orangutans often live alone for up to 40 years, if they are not captured, and are around the same height as a Year 6 child. These majestic creatures are intelligent and beautiful. However, they are in danger of becoming extinct unless we work together do something about it.