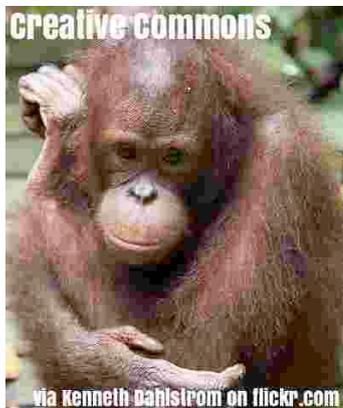


School teaches baby orangutans survival skills

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Baby orangutans in Indonesia are going to school to learn skills like finding food and making a nest. The school hopes the skills the young apes learn will mean they can be reintroduced into the wild and survive on their own. The school was set up by International Animal

Rescue (IAR). There are currently 102 orangutans living at the centre. A spokesperson said: "We are committed to rescuing and rehabilitating as many orangutans as we can and giving them a second chance to live safely in their natural environment." Not all of them attend the school because some have suffered long-term injuries so they can never go back to the forest. It could take up to eight years to get others ready to return to the wild.

The IAR centre cares for animals that have been rescued from the wild. Some of the baby orangutans lost their parents because of illegal poaching, habitat loss and forest fires. The IAR said they "are suffering and dying because of the systematic destruction of the rainforest, primarily for palm oil production". Other baby orangutans have been stolen from their mothers to be sold as pets. There are also adult orangutans at the centre. These have spent most of their lives in captivity. The World Wildlife Fund estimates there are around 45,000 to 69,000 orangutans in Borneo, but their numbers are decreasing because their forests are being destroyed by illegal logging and palm oil companies.

Sources: [Sky.com](http://sky.com) / [Yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) / treehugger.com

Writing

Palm oil companies that illegally cut down trees should be put out of business. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

orangutans / Indonesia / skills / survive / currently / second chance / injuries / wild / rescued / illegal poaching / destruction / rainforest / captivity / logging / palm oil

True / False

- Orangutans are going to school to learn to make a nest. T / F
- There are over 100 orangutans at a centre in Indonesia. T / F
- Orangutans who are injured may never return to the wild. T / F
- It will take two years to get the orangutans back into the wild. T / F
- Some of the orangutans lost parents in forest fires. T / F
- Rainforests are being cut down for coconut oil production. T / F
- The centre will give away some orangutans as pets. T / F
- The WWF says there is a maximum of 6,900 orangutans in the wild. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. skills | a. looks after |
| 2. survive | b. presently |
| 3. set up | c. guesses |
| 4. currently | d. started |
| 5. return | e. mainly |
| 6. cares for | f. abilities |
| 7. rescued | g. going down |
| 8. primarily | h. go back |
| 9. estimates | i. live |
| 10. decreasing | j. saved |

Discussion – Student A

- What should happen about illegal poaching?
- What things cause habitat loss?
- What do you think of the palm oil companies?
- What do you think of people keeping orangutans as pets?
- What work does the World Wildlife Fund do?
- What could you do to help the orangutans?
- How can we stop illegal logging?
- What questions would you like to ask an orangutan expert?

Phrase Match

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| 1. going to school to learn skills | a. term injuries |
| 2. survive on | b. from the wild |
| 3. some have suffered long- | c. to the wild |
| 4. It could take up | d. lives in captivity |
| 5. ready to return | e. to eight years |
| 6. animals that have been rescued | f. by illegal logging |
| 7. destruction | g. to be sold as pets |
| 8. stolen from their mothers | h. like finding food |
| 9. These have spent most of their | i. of the rainforest |
| 10. forests are being destroyed | j. their own |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about the orangutan school?
- How would you teach an orangutan to find food?
- What other things will the orangutans need to learn?
- Would you like to work at the orangutan school? Why?
- How are apes and monkeys different?
- Do you think the baby orangutans are happier in school or in the wild?
- Why would it take eight years to train an orangutan?
- What three adjectives best describe this article?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. j	8. e	9. c	10. g

Role Play

Role A – English skills

You think English skills are most important in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their skills aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): leadership skills, computer skills or driving skills.

Role B – Leadership skills

You think leadership skills are most important in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their skills aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): English skills, computer skills or driving skills.

Role C – Computer skills

You think computer skills are most important in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their skills aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): leadership skills, English skills or driving skills.

Role D – Driving skills

You think driving skills are most important in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their skills aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): leadership skills, computer skills or English skills.

Speaking – New skills

Rank these with your partner. Put the new skills you want most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • computer skills | • social skills |
| • leadership skills | • sports skills |
| • English skills | • networking skills |
| • job skills | • driving skills |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.