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School teaches baby orangutans survival skills

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THE READING

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Baby orangutans in Indonesia are going to school to learn to find food and make a nest. After they learn these skills, the young apes can return to the wild and survive on their own. The school is run by International Animal Rescue (IAR). There are 102 orangutans living at the IAR centre. A spokesperson said: "We are committed to rescuing and rehabilitating as many orangutans as we can and giving them a second chance." Not all of them go to school because some are injured, so they cannot go back to the forest. It could take up to eight years to get the others ready to return to the wild.

The IAR cares for animals that have been rescued. Some of the babies lost their parents because of illegal hunting, habitat loss and forest fires. The IAR said they are suffering and dying because of the destruction of the rainforest by palm oil companies. Other baby orangutans have been 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 up to 69,000 orangutans in Borneo. They are in danger because their forests are being destroyed by illegal logging.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1637948/young-orangutans-get-wheeled-to-forest-school>
<http://news.yahoo.com/orangutan-school-teaches-young-primates-survival-skills-131443906.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. learn to find food and make | a. on their own |
| 2. After they learn | b. a nest |
| 3. survive | c. as we can |
| 4. rehabilitating as many orangutans | d. to the wild |
| 5. giving them a second | e. go to school |
| 6. Not all of them | f. to eight years |
| 7. It could take up | g. chance |
| 8. ready to return | h. these skills |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The IAR cares for animals | a. fires |
| 2. Some of the babies lost their | b. loss |
| 3. habitat | c. parents |
| 4. forest | d. illegal logging |
| 5. the destruction of the rainforest | e. lives in captivity |
| 6. These have spent most of their | f. in danger |
| 7. They are | g. by palm oil companies |
| 8. destroyed by | h. that have been rescued |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The IAR cares for animals (7) _____ rescued. Some of the babies lost their parents because of illegal hunting, habitat loss and forest fires. The IAR (8) _____ suffering and dying because of the destruction (9) _____ by palm oil companies. Other baby orangutans have been sold as pets. There (10) _____ orangutans at the centre. These have (11) _____ their lives in captivity. The World Wildlife Fund estimates there are up to 69,000 orangutans in Borneo. They (12) _____ because their forests are being destroyed by illegal logging.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
