

Unit 3 - The Tiger

brilliant
capture

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crew

doze
perform

plunge
predator

primary
wander

3A Introduction

Have you ever seen a cat trying to swim? Probably not. Cats hate the water. House cats, cheetahs and even lions don't like to swim at all. But tigers are a type of large cat that do like to swim. Tigers live in Asia, and many live in the jungle. This song is performed by a very special Asian tiger who likes to rap and loves to swim.

3B Song Lyrics

Let me tell y'all something, 'cause I am a tiger...roar!

*Can I get a "roar" from my people in the back? Say "roar"!
Can I get a "oop-ooop" from my people in the front? Say "oop-ooop"!*

Let me tell you something that's hard to believe,
I'm a special kind of tiger, who can speak.
Other tigers "roar," but for me it's not hard
To speak, I'm **brilliant**, I'm so smart.
I live in Asia, that's a **continent**,
A big piece of land; I was born on it.
And my life is like...well, my life is quite nice,
I **wander** through the jungle, and I go where I like.
I'm the type of tiger to go hunting at night,
I'm a **predator**; I hunt what I like.
"And what do you like?"
I like to take naps, I like to make raps,
I like to sneak up and play tricks on the other cats.
My **primary** love, what I love the most
Is to swim in the water and just float.
Lay back in the water, take a nap,
Fall asleep and **doze** as I go away...



*Can I get a "roar" from my people in the back? Say "roar"!
Can I get a "oop-ooop" from my people in the front? Say "oop-ooop"!*

One time a camera **crew** came to film the weather;
 A crew is a bunch of people who hang out together.
 They were checking the weather, till they found something better,
 They found me acting cool, swimming through a pool.
 They watched as I climbed high on this rock,
 I smiled for the camera, then I just popped
 Off the rock, yeah, I did a flip,
 Then I **plunged** into the water, dove into it.
 I did more tricks, backflips, and high kicks,
 I jumped high off the rock, and I never slipped.
 I entertained the crew, I **performed**,
 They weren't bored, no, not one of them yawned.
 They didn't put me in a cage or **capture** me,
 But they captured my picture, put it on TV.
 So the next time you see a tiger swimming on TV,
 Just know that it might be me. Roar!

Can I get a "roar" from my people in the back? Say "roar"!
 Can I get a "oop-oo" from my people in the front? Say "oop-oo"!

3C Words Defined

brilliant

(adj) 1. Very smart and intelligent. *After thinking about it for a while, Jose came up with a **brilliant** idea for keeping trash off the playground.* 2. Shining; very bright. *We can see faraway stars because they are so **brilliant**.*

capture

(verb) To take by force, or to grab and hold on to something. *The police were able to **capture** the robber in his home.*

continent

(noun) One of seven large areas of land on the earth. *North America is the **continent** that we live on.*

crew

(noun) A group of people working together. *The whole **crew** on the spaceship got along really well.*



doze

(verb) To fall asleep for a short time; nap. *My dad was so tired, he **dozed** off during the play.*

perform

(verb). 1. To carry out a task. *Mr. Bogart told his class that they had **performed** very well on the state test and would get an ice cream party.* 2. To act or entertain. *Bozo the clown **performed** a song and dance at the circus.*

plunge

(verb). To dive into; to fall down quickly. *The eagle flew through the air, and then **plunged** toward the ground to catch a mouse.*

plunge



predator

(noun). An animal that eats other animals; the opposite of prey. *Polar bears look cute, but they are also fierce **predators** that hunt seals.*

primary

(adj). First in importance or order. *The **primary** reason that Phil went to Mexico was to visit his cousins.*

wander

(verb). To move or walk around without going straight to something. *It was a beautiful day, so Veronica **wandered** around the park for a while.*

3D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|--------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. nap | capture | doze | plunged |
| 2. crowd of people | crew | predator | continent |
| 3. drop into | capture | perform | plunge |
| 4. very smart | primary | brilliant | continent |
| 5. walk around | wander | doze | capture |

3E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. On July 4th, Morgan would always _____ fireflies and put them in a jar.

perform

doze

capture

2. Alicia _____ in the marching band every Friday night.

wandered

plunged

performed

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3. Pandas are only found on the _____ of Asia.

continent

predator

crew

4. Sharks are the most dangerous _____ in the ocean.

crews

continents

predators

5. When Whitney was young, her _____ activity after school was singing.

primary

brilliant

predator

3F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. Damon fell asleep in the waiting room of the doctor's office.

2. Scientists caught a flock of pigeons to study them.

3. The fireworks were so bright you could see them from miles away.

4. The lion hunted the zebra for its meal.

5. Rob walked around his new neighborhood.

3G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

1. When would you need a **crew** of people?

- (A) to build a house
- (B) to walk to school
- (C) to read a book
- (D) to play checkers

2. How would someone **perform** their favorite song?
(A) buy the CD
(B) sing it for other people
(C) write down the words
(D) listen to it on the radio
3. Which of the following would you **plunge** into?
(A) a couch
(B) a pool
(C) a bus
(D) an umbrella
4. Which **continent** is surrounded by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
(A) Asia
(B) Canada
(C) North America
(D) New York
5. What is the **primary** thing that a clown does?
(A) a fair
(B) looks for a job
(C) a red nose
(D) tries to make people laugh

3H Reading

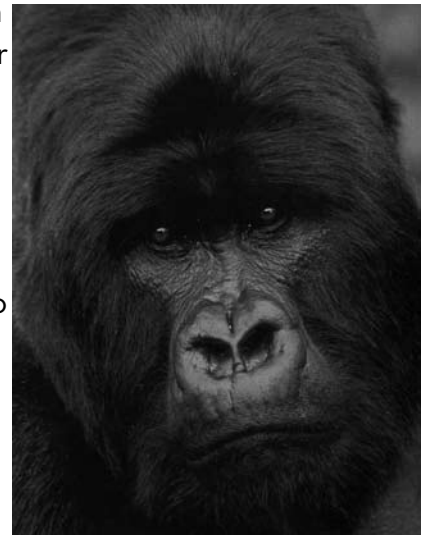
Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

Koko and Penny

In 1972, Penny Patterson was studying at a university in California when she first saw Koko the gorilla. At that time, Koko was only one year old and very skinny and weak. Penny was amazed by Koko and decided she wanted to study him more closely.

Penny had always believed that gorillas were smart, but she had no idea how **brilliant** Koko would turn out to be. She started to teach Koko sign language to see if they could talk to each other without using words. Koko understood right away and began to use the signs to talk to Penny.

Penny thought Koko was so much like a human that she gave him a kitten to take care of. Koko named his kitten All-Ball and took very good care of her. He was very gentle and played with her all the time.



Many people were amazed to see how caring Koko was.

Penny has been studying and teaching Koko for more than 25 years. Koko can **perform** more than 1,000 signs and can understand over 2,000 words. Using sign language, he puts together sentences and even makes up new signs! Since he didn't know the sign for "ring," he put together the words "finger" and "bracelet" to show Penny what he meant.

Gorillas like Koko are only found on one **continent**: Africa. They live together in groups, with the females taking care of the babies. No other animals hunt gorillas, but some humans do. Humans are gorillas only **predators**. Humans hunt gorillas for their meat, or to sell them for money. Gorillas are also in danger because humans are destroying forests: Gorillas are losing their homes.

Penny's **primary** reason for studying Koko has always been to protect gorillas. She believes that if people can see how smart they are, they will want to save the gorillas that live in the wild. Penny is still working to protect gorillas' natural habitats in Africa.

1. How do Penny and Koko communicate?

2. What gift did Penny give to Koko?

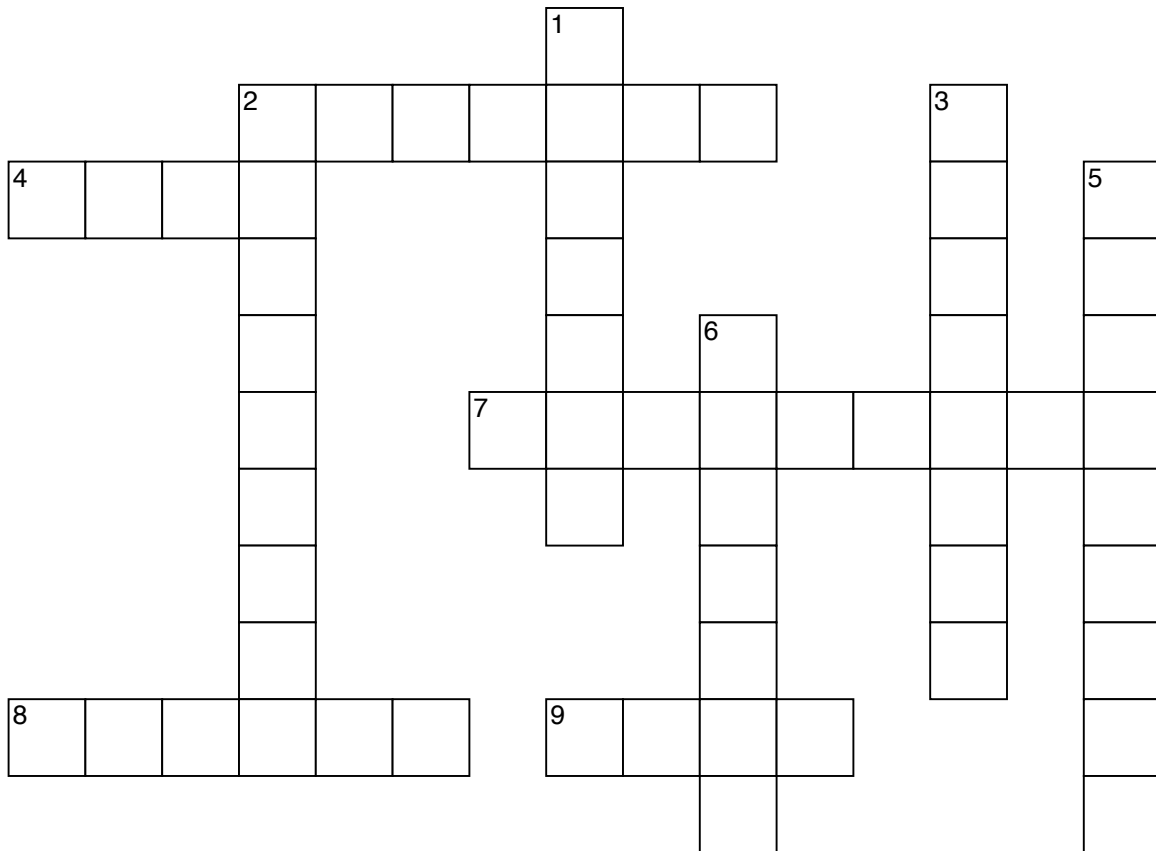
3. How many signs does Koko know? How many words can he understand?

4. How are humans harming gorillas?

5. Where do gorillas naturally live?

Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words above.



ACROSS

- 2 First in importance
- 4 Sleep a little
- 7 Shiny
- 8 Walk around
- 9 Group

DOWN

- 1 Put in a cage
- 2 Acted
- 3 Hunter
- 5 Huge piece of land
- 6 Dove