

Animals We Love:

ORANGUTANS

Recommended for preschoolers

Let's learn more about orangutans:

- Orangutans are apes. They do not have a tail (unlike monkeys).
- They live in the rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra. They are the largest tree-dwelling mammal.
- They have special feet with long toes for grasping branches, and long limbs that can stretch out far so that they can move easily through the treetops.
- Orangutan babies stay with mum for 7 to 8 years to learn survival skills. Play is important as a way to learn these skills.



Use the See-Think-Wonder Thinking Routine* to start a conversation with your child

*Adapted from Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education

SEE

- Name all the things you see in this picture.
- How many orangutans can you spot?
- Count the number of eyes you see.

THINK

- What do you think the baby is doing with its arms around its mother's neck?
- How do you think orangutans move around in the trees?

WONDER

- I wonder what these orangutans would do next.

Bonus Activity:

Take snapshots of your family with poses inspired by the orangutans.



Upload your creations and tag us @wrs.ig along with the hashtag #SingaporeZoo and #PlaytimeSZG

Use these activities to start a conversation with your child



This is not a Sack

- Watch the video and observe Merlin the orangutan playing with the gunny sack. What is Merlin doing with the gunny sack? How else can this gunny sack be used?
- Use a pillowcase in place of a gunny sack. Take turns to come up with creative uses of the sack, expressing your ideas in words/actions, e.g. This is not a sack; this is a bag.

You may want to play a game of charades instead of sharing just verbal answers.



Mirror Play

- Visit [Singapore Zoo's web page on orangutans](#) and pick your favourite orangutan. What makes it your favourite? What features do you observe? Describe the colour, size, shape and texture of that orangutan to the person beside you.
- Imagine you were your favourite orangutan. Imitate its action and share your photos on our instagram. How do you think it is feeling? What do you think it is thinking?



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Try out this activity when you visit us!



An Orangutan's Home



2 or more
players



Natural loose parts
(e.g. leaves, twigs, pebbles)

STEP 1: Observe the orangutans in their exhibit. What features do you notice about the exhibit (e.g. trees, wooden structures)?

STEP 2: Each person to collect three different natural loose parts.
Note: Only collect items found on the ground. Please do not pluck leaves or branches from plants

STEP 3: Using the natural loose parts, replicate the orangutan exhibit. Take turns to add as many details as you can to your creations (e.g. trees, wooden structures, twines).



Take a photo of your orangutan exhibit and upload it on Instagram. Tag us @wrs.ig along with the hashtag #SingaporeZoo and #PlaytimeSZG.

STEP 4: Remember to return the loose parts back to nature!