

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Ask & Answer Questions

Read the short story and answer each question.



## Jane Goodall Studying Chimps

Jane Goodall is a famous scientist who spent many years studying wild chimpanzees in Africa. She was one of the first people to live closely with chimps and observe their behavior in the wild.

Jane started her work in the 1960s. She moved into a forest in Tanzania, where she watched chimps every day. She took careful notes, often sitting still for hours to see what they would do.

One of Jane's biggest discoveries was that chimps use tools. She saw them use sticks to catch termites. At that time, many people thought only humans used tools.

Jane also learned that chimps care for one another, share food, and show feelings like sadness and joy.

Today, Jane teaches others to care for animals and protect nature. She is still working hard to make the world better for people and wildlife.



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**1. What is Jane Goodall most known for?**

- A. Living with lions in a zoo
- B. Studying wild chimpanzees
- C. Building homes in Africa
- D. Teaching chimps to dance

**2. What did Jane discover about chimpanzees?**

- A. They eat only plants
- B. They sleep in caves
- C. They use tools and show feelings
- D. They do not live in groups

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**3. Fill in the blank:**

Jane saw chimps using \_\_\_\_\_ to catch termites.

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**4. What were some ways Jane learned about chimpanzees in the wild?**

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**5. Why is Jane Goodall's work still important today?**

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** L

**Lexile Level:** 355L-505L

**Grade Level:** 2nd Grade, Middle of the Year

**Genre:** Informational Biography

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## Introducing the Text

“Today we’ll read a true story about a scientist named Jane Goodall. She studied chimpanzees to learn how they act in the wild. As we read, we’ll practice asking and answering questions that help us understand important details from the text.”

**Vocabulary:** observe, behavior, scientist, tools, protect

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about chimpanzees?
  2. What kinds of things do scientists study?
  3. What tools have you seen animals use?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where did Jane Goodall go to study chimps?
  2. What did she discover about how chimps live?
  3. How did she learn these things?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jane’s discovery about tool use surprise people?
  2. How does the author show Jane cares about animals?
  3. What do you think we can learn from Jane’s work?
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## Activity Idea

Have students create a “Scientist’s Field Journal” entry as if they were observing an animal like Jane Goodall. They draw the animal, write a few sentences about its behavior, and include one question they would ask if they were a real scientist. Let students share their journals in small groups.

