

NORTH STAR 3e Level 4

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Video Activity Worksheet

Unit 4: Animal Intelligence

Talk to the Animals

Comprehension

Predict

This video is about animal intelligence and communication. Before you watch the video, answer the following question.

Do you think animals have intelligence?

Focus

Watch the video. Answer the following question.

How do the apes in the video communicate with humans?

Comprehension A

Choose True or False. Click on T or F.

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| 1. You have to wait until apes are old before you start teaching them language. | T | F |
| 2. The ape interviewed was able to recognize emotions such as surprise. | T | F |
| 3. Researchers have to use special language when around the apes. | T | F |
| 4. The orangutans and bonobos at the Great Ape Trust are only allowed food found in the wild. | T | F |
| 5. The ape being interviewed knew the difference between eggs and M&Ms. | T | F |

Comprehension B

Circle the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

1. A lexigram is a (button / symbol) that represents thought and actions.
2. The Great Ape Trust in Iowa is part of a groundbreaking (nature preserve / language study).
3. Kanzi shares 98% of his (food tastes / DNA) with humans.
4. The lexigrams let the apes (express pain / draw pictures).
5. The apes in the study seem to be (comfortable with / afraid of) the computers that help them communicate.

Speaking

Choose one of the topics. Record and submit a one-to two-minute response.

- What questions would you ask the apes in the video?
- The video says that apes and humans share 98% of their DNA. What are three more characteristics that you think apes and humans share?

Writing

Write about the benefits of teaching apes to communicate with humans. If you do not think there are any benefits, explain why.

