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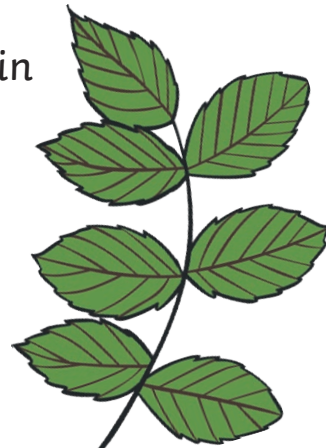
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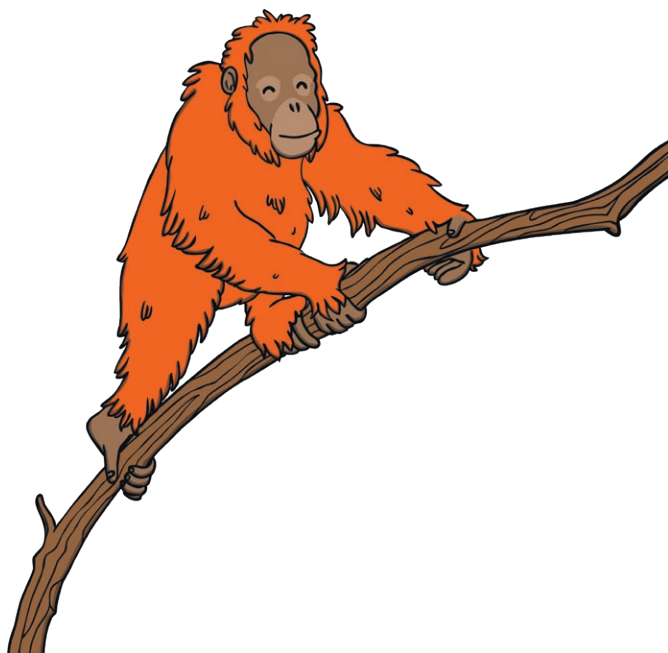
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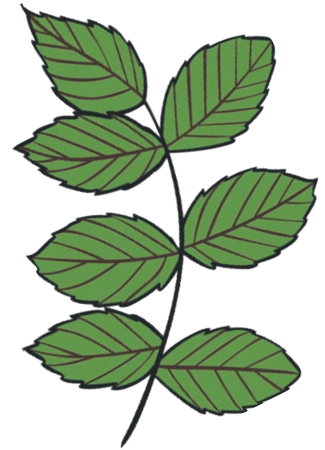
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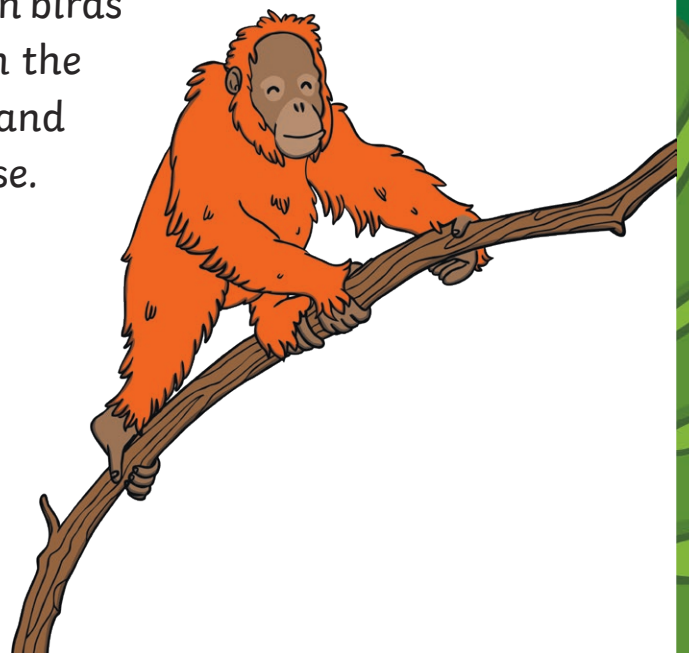
Orangutans live in the rainforests of Sumatra and on the island of Borneo.

They spend almost all their time high in the trees. They travel in the trees, swinging from branch to branch. They even eat and sleep in the trees because it is safer for them.



## What Do They Eat?

Orangutans mainly eat fruit and leaves but sometimes they also eat bark, honey and bugs and even birds' eggs. Their favourite fruit is from the durian tree. It smells stinky and tastes like garlic-flavoured cheese. Orangutans love it!



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**Answers should include three of the following: fruit; leaves; bark; honey; bugs; birds' eggs.**

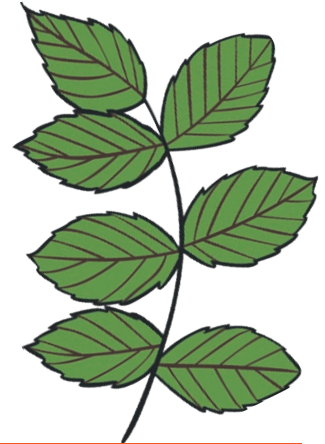
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Unlike other apes, orangutans do not like to live in groups. They spend almost their entire lives high in the trees. They travel by swinging from branch to branch using their long, strong arms and hook-shaped hands. They even sleep in leafy nests high off the ground. This protects them from their enemies: leopards and other big cats.

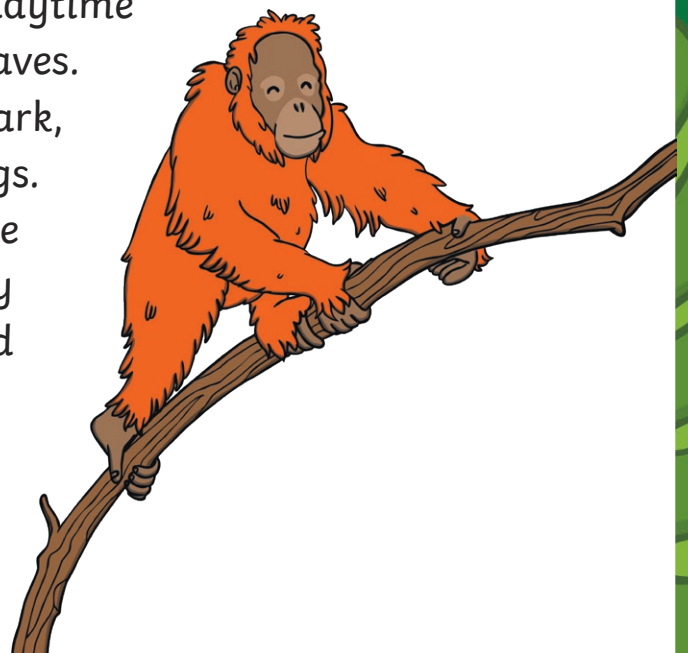


## Did You Know...?

Orangutans are actually an endangered species due to their habitats being destroyed and people hunting them.

## What Do They Eat?

Orangutans eat during the daytime and mainly enjoy fruit and leaves. Sometimes they also eat bark, honey, bugs and even birds' eggs. Their favourite fruit is from the durian tree. It smells stinky and tastes like garlic-flavoured cheese. Orangutans love it so much they have been known to sneak into gardens to pick it!

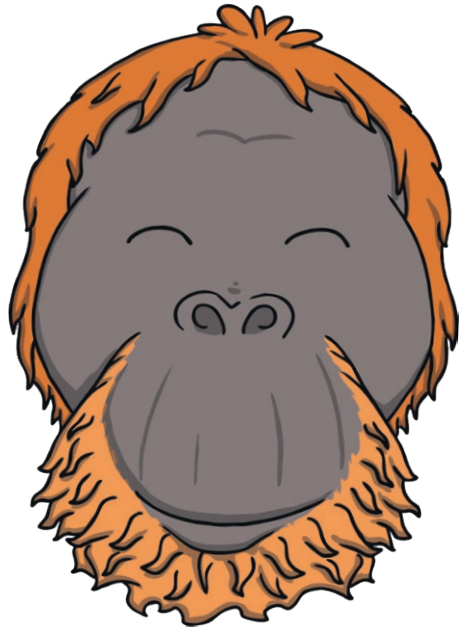




They can live to between 30 and 40 years in the wild.

Male orangutans can grow to be huge, weighing up to 100kg with an armspan of up to two metres.

Female orangutans give birth about every eight years and carry their young until they are about five years old. Infants also stay with their mother until they are at least ten years old.





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**Pupil's own responses, such as: The orangutan has become an endangered species because their habitats are being destroyed and people are hunting them.**