

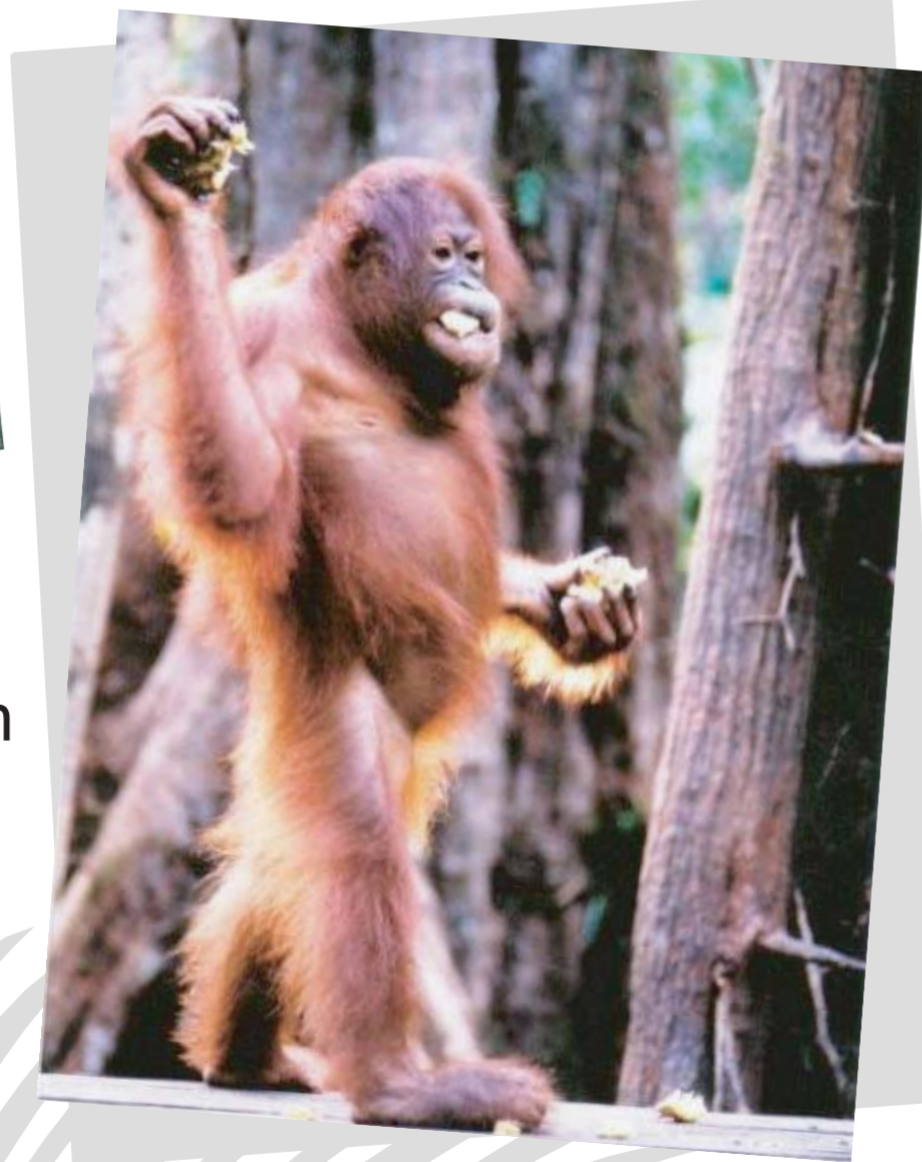
All about Orangutans

In the Malay language "**Orang**" means **person** and "**Hutan**" means **jungle** or **forest** translating into English as "Person of the Forest" or "Man of the Jungle."

There is no "g" on the end - Orangutan is sometimes incorrectly pronounced orangutang.



In the past, indigenous peoples of the region believed orangutans were actually people hiding in the trees because they did not want to work.



They can walk upright for short distances but when on the ground, they generally walk on all fours.

Their preferred method of transportation is swinging from branch to branch.

Orangutans are solitary animals and don't form large social groups. They usually travel alone or in small groups consisting of two females, dependent young and occasionally an adult male.

The orangutan is a highly intelligent primate and is one of our closest relatives

**SHARING 97%
of the same DNA as man.**

Where do they live?

Orangutans are the only great ape in Asia and are found only in the rainforests on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

The other great apes - gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos - all live in Africa.



They are the most **arboreal** of all the apes - meaning that they spend most of their lives in trees.

Where do they sleep?

Orangutans make a nest in the trees every night using branches and leaves.

