

ORANGUTAN QUIZ

Answers on back

1. Brachiation describes the way orangutans

- A. come to a stop, or brake.
- B. move through the trees.
- C. drop to the ground.

2. Orangutans sometimes drape leaves or branches over themselves because

- A. they like how it looks.
- B. it saves them from having to find nest material later.
- C. they want protection from rain, sun, or insects.

3. Orangutans are found on the islands of

- A. Borneo and Sumatra.
- B. Oahu and Hawaii.
- C. Japan.

4. An orangutan is

- A. a monkey.
- B. an ape.
- C. a bear.

5. In zoos, orangutans are known as

- A. comedians.
- B. lazy bores.
- C. escape artists.

6. In the Indonesian language, "orangutan" means

- A. person of the forest.
- B. large, hairy creature.
- C. orange-colored.

7. Orangutans spend most of their time

- A. on the ground.
- B. high in the trees.
- C. on the outskirts of cities.

8. A female orangutan might have _____ babies in her lifetime.

- A. 6-8
- B. 2-3
- C. 4-5

9. A baby orangutan will stay with its mother until it is

- A. 3 to 4 years old.
- B. 6 to 10 years old.
- C. 18 years old.

10. When an orangutan is ready for bed each night, it

- A. builds a nest.
- B. checks into a hotel.
- C. digs a burrow.

11. As they get older, male orangutans

- A. grow hair so long it drags several feet on the ground.
- B. lose the ability to walk.
- C. develop huge cheek flaps and throat pouches.

12. When they walk on the ground, orangutans sometimes

- A. use their arms like crutches, planting them on the ground and swinging between them.
- B. hold their arms in the air for balance as they waddle along.
- C. Both A and B.

13. When a male orangutan is looking for a female, he lets other orangs know by

- A. bellowing loudly and breaking branches.
- B. singing a haunting song.
- C. carrying around fruit to give her as a gift.

14. When fruit is hard to find, orangutans eat

- A. lizards and snakes.
- B. corn, wheat, and other grains.
- C. leaves, bark, and some grasses.

15. An orangutan family unit is made up of

- A. a grandmother, her daughters, and their children.
- B. a father, mother, and offspring.
- C. a mother and her youngest child.

16. Adult male orangutans travel

- A. alone.
- B. in packs.
- C. with a brother or cousin.

17. Young orangutans have trouble

- A. tying their shoes.
- B. sleeping in nests.
- C. eating spiny fruits.

18. When it is awake, what is an orangutan most likely to be doing?

- A. Building a nest or shelter
- B. Making friends
- C. Searching for food

19. Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. Orangutans use tools.
- B. Male orangutans are usually about six feet tall.
- C. Orangutans are the largest animals on earth to live almost entirely on fruit.

20. The Dayak peoples of Borneo have a legend that orangutans are really

- A. ghosts.
- B. primitive people.
- C. escaped prisoners.

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- 1.B - move through the trees.
- 2.C - they want protection from rain, sun, or insects.
- 3.A - Borneo and Sumatra.
- 4.B - an ape.
- 5.C - escape artists.
- 6.A - person of the forest.
- 7.B - high in the trees.
- 8.C - 4-5
- 9.B - 6 to 10 years old.
- 10.A - builds a nest.
- 11.C - develop huge cheek flaps and throat pouches.
- 12.C - Both A and B.
- 13 A - bellowing loudly and breaking branches.
- 14.C - leaves, bark, and some grasses.
- 15.C - a mother and her youngest child.
- 16.A - alone.
- 17.C - eating spiny fruits.
- 18.C - Searching for food
- 19.B - Male orangutans are usually about six feet tall.
- 20.A - ghosts.