

Rainbow Readers

Title: Gabby the Gorilla

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

request	moment	celebrate	immediately	imitate
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1. If you burn yourself, run cold water over the burn immediately.
2. Little kids often try to imitate their older brothers and sisters.
3. The teacher turned down my request for more time to finish the assignment.
4. They're having a special dinner to celebrate her graduation.
5. Please wait a(n) moment while I get a pencil and paper.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Pat didn't know anything about gorillas before meeting Gabby. T / F
2. Gabby was born in the rainforest. T / F
3. Gabby was always healthy when she was a baby. T / F
4. Cookies are Gabby's favorite treat. T / F
5. Pat taught Gabby to call zebras "white tigers." T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Pat knows (many languages / English and sign language).
2. A lot of people didn't think gorillas were (important / intelligent).
3. As a baby, Gabby loved to (sleep / play).
4. Pat used (milk / bread) to teach Gabby her first sign.
5. Gabby created her own sign for (birds / ice cream).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. How did Pat teach Gabby signs?

- a. She showed pictures.
- b. She moved Gabby's hands to make signs.
- c. She pointed to things and made signs.
- d. She told Gabby to imitate her.

2. The first sign Gabby made was the sign for _____.

- a. water
- b. thirsty
- c. drink
- d. mother

3. Which is NOT true about Gabby?

- a. She understood signs immediately.
- b. Her full name is Gabriella.
- c. She was a baby when she met Pat.
- d. She loves cats.

4. Gabby invented signs for all of the following things EXCEPT:

- a. zebras
- b. masks
- c. ducks
- d. cups

5. Why didn't Pat give Gabby the candy right away?

- a. Because she made the wrong sign
- b. Because Pat knew she wasn't hungry
- c. Because Pat wanted her to be healthier
- d. Because she didn't ask for it politely

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

proved	communicate	rainforest	whiskers	doll
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Gabby is a very special gorilla: she can use sign language. Her teacher is Pat, a woman who studies how people learn language and how gorillas communicate. Pat and her friends began working with Gabby because she was concerned about gorillas. Their homes, including the rainforest, were disappearing. So Pat wanted to learn more about gorillas in order to help them. At first, Gabby didn't understand signs and just wanted to play with her doll. But then Gabby learned the sign for "drink." Pat was very excited. Gabby went on to learn many more signs, including one that looks like whiskers. This sign means "cat." One day Gabby saw a duck, and she made the signs for "water" and "bird." This was amazing because Gabby had invented the word "water bird" herself. It proved she wasn't just copying humans. Eventually, Gabby could make a thousand signs and understand two thousand spoken words. She even started to learn manners! Gabby and Pat remain good friends, and they still like to chat.