

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 _____.
2. Little kids often try to _____ their older brothers and sisters.
3. The teacher turned down my _____ for more time to finish the assignment.
4. They're having a special dinner to _____ her graduation.
5. Please wait a(n) _____ 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 _____. Pat and her friends began working with Gabby because she was concerned about gorillas. Their homes, including the _____, 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 _____. 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 _____. 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 _____ 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.