My Gorilla Fact File

Read the gorilla fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a gorilla

Gorilla facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. great ape ____	A. walking on all fours while leaning on the knuckles of the hands
2. primate ____	B. a group of mammals with gripping hands and big brains, including apes, monkeys and humans
3. silverback ____	C. a large primate with no tail, such as a gorilla, chimpanzee or orangutan
4. troop ____	D. a family group of gorillas
5. knuckle-walking ____	E. an adult male gorilla with silver-gray hair on his back

The most amazing thing I learned about gorillas

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Answer Key

Gorilla Fact File

Gorilla facts

Scientific name:	Gorilla gorilla and G. beringei
Size:	Males up to about 6 ft standing
Weight:	Males about 300–500 lb (136–227 kg)
Lifespan:	About 30–40 years in the wild
Diet:	Leaves, stems, fruit and insects
Habitat:	Tropical forests and mountains
Where:	Central Africa
Status:	IUCN Critically Endangered

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–C, 2–B, 3–E, 4–D, 5–A

Wow facts to share

- Gorillas share about 98 percent of their DNA with people.
- A big male gorilla can eat about 45 pounds (20 kg) of food a day.
- Gorillas build a fresh bed of leaves to sleep in every night.