My Orangutan Fact File

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw an orangutan

Orangutan facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. great ape ____	A. a large, tailless primate such as an orangutan, gorilla or chimpanzee
2. arboreal ____	B. the wide cheek pads on some adult male orangutans
3. flanges ____	C. spreading seeds to new places so new plants can grow
4. semi-solitary ____	D. living mostly in trees
5. seed dispersal ____	E. living mostly alone but sometimes spending time with others

The most amazing thing I learned about orangutans

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Answer Key

Orangutan Fact File

Orangutan facts

Scientific name:	Genus Pongo (3 species)
Size:	Up to about 4.5 ft; arm span ~7 ft
Weight:	Males ~190 lb; females ~80 lb
Lifespan:	About 40–45 years in the wild
Diet:	Mostly fruit; leaves, bark, insects
Habitat:	Tropical rainforests and swamps
Where:	Borneo and Sumatra, Southeast Asia
Status:	IUCN Critically Endangered (all 3)

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

Word match

1–A, 2–D, 3–B, 4–E, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- An orangutan's arm span can reach about 7 feet (2.1 m).
- Orangutans build a new sleeping nest in the trees most nights.
- A mother usually has a baby only about once every 8 years.