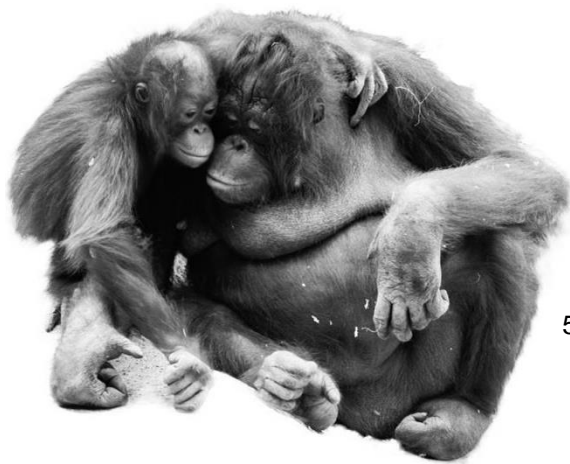


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*You have found a story about an interesting animal. Read the story.*

Text 3 Speech



## Home at last

① Mum and I were nibbling wild figs high up in a tree when we heard the deafening roar of tractors and indistinct shouting from humans. 'Arnie, hop on my back!' she demanded. We swung from tree branch to tree branch away from the noise. Unlike monkeys and chimpanzees, we do not live in troops. Mum and I are the only family we will have until I turn ten.

② 'Humans are clearing the Borneo jungles to make way for palm oil plantations,' Mum explained. 'Palm oil is used in many of their man-made products.' 'But it's wrong of them to come and destroy our home like that!' I exclaimed. Mum told me that palm oil is extracted from the fruit of the oil palm tree, which is originally from West Africa, but it can flourish anywhere that has a humid subtropical climate. 'It's troubling that we might have nowhere to flee to if deforestation continues at this rate,' she sighed dejectedly.



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3 The next morning we were awoken by ear-shattering sounds of a chainsaw—creak, crack, crash! ‘Come here, Arnie!’ Mum screamed frantically. She ordered me to jump towards her. My heart in my throat, I could only think of getting away from the commotion, so I leapt—but in the wrong direction, away from safety, away from Mum. It’s  
25 difficult for me to recall what happened next.

4 The next thing I remember is waking up and crying, ‘Where are you, Mum?’ I heard a human voice and cowered. ‘It’s lucky that I found you, little fella,’ the voice said gently. ‘Baby orangutans like you are often sold as pets or end up imprisoned in zoos. When I found you, the loggers advised me to bring you to the Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre.’ I  
30 looked up at a very wrinkled but kind face. I couldn’t take my eyes off his shaggy, white beard. ‘I’m Mike,’ he said. ‘Nice to meet you.’

5 The rehabilitation centre is in a rural village. This sanctuary is surrounded by trees very much like  
35 home. There are volunteers that help displaced orangutans like me. Mike told me that people feel close to orangutans. ‘The word “orangutan” actually means “person of the forest” in Malay,’ he said. He  
40 asked me not to feel down and promised that I would be returned to a protected area of the jungle when I was fully recovered. I gazed  
45 up at him and begged him silently to understand what was on my mind. He smiled and whispered, ‘I have good news for you.’

6 The light of the setting sun casts  
50 a glow over Mum’s reddish hair as we sit on the tree-top perch. It is wonderful to snuggle under my mum’s arm again. Nothing feels like home.



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**Comprehension 3** *Your friend wants to know more about the mother orangutan and her baby. Answer his questions using information from the story. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1** In paragraph 1, what were Arnie and his mum doing when they heard noises?

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- 2** How does Arnie's mum feel in paragraph 1? Provide evidence to support your answer.

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- 3** i) According to paragraph 2, what are humans doing in their habitat?

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- ii) How does Arnie feel about what they are doing?

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- 4** What is the climate like on Borneo Island?

- ☐ A cold and dry  
☐ B cool and wet  
☐ C hot and dry  
☐ D hot and humid

- 5** Find a word in paragraph 2 that can be replaced by 'leave'.

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- 6** What does 'creak, crack, crash' in lines 21 and 22 describe?

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- 7** What is the tone of paragraph 3?

- ☐ A nostalgic      ☐ C resentful  
☐ B amused      ☐ D tense

- 8** Who does 'little fella' (line 27) refer to?

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- 9** According to paragraph 4, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**? Write the letter(s) in the boxes.

**Statements**

- i) Arnie was relieved when he woke up. ☐

- ii) Orphaned orangutans often lose their freedom. ☐

- iii) The Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre is the biggest animal sanctuary in the area. ☐

- iv) Arnie's rescuer is a young man. ☐

- 10** What do you think will happen to Arnie and his mum?

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**11** What are the TWO settings mentioned in the story?

- i) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**12** Number the following events in chronological order. Write 1–4 on the lines provided.

- Arnie and his mum get separated. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Loggers disturb Arnie and his mum's meal. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arnie is rescued by a kind stranger. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arnie's mum tells him about palm oil and deforestation. \_\_\_\_\_

**13** Complete the following paragraph about orangutans using information from Text 3. Use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure the words are grammatically correct.

Orangutans can be found in the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of Malaysia and Indonesia. They are also known as '(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of the forest' because of their resemblance to humans. Their diet mainly consists of fruits like wild durians and (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. They spend most of their time in (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ away from predators like tigers and leopards. However, a great threat that they are facing is (v) \_\_\_\_\_ as their habitat is destroyed by (vi) \_\_\_\_\_. They do not live in (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ like other primates. But mothers care for their young for (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ years while teaching them where to find food and how to build nests.

**14** Complete the sentences below with words from Text 3. Use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

- i) We saw a/an \_\_\_\_\_ figure of a bear in the distance walking towards us in the fog. (paragraph 1)  
 ii) The wolves stared \_\_\_\_\_ at their dead pack member and howled in grief. (paragraph 2)  
 iii) Animal rights activists caused a \_\_\_\_\_ when they were protesting outside a fur factory. (paragraph 3)  
 iv) The hyenas \_\_\_\_\_ in fear when the park ranger fired a gunshot into the air. (paragraph 4)  
 v) Over ten thousand people have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the flood. They were forced to take shelter in buildings on high grounds. (paragraph 5)