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GORILLAS OF CONGO

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Tara was still lost in thoughts about the blue whale in the high seas when her mind drifted to the jungles of Africa. "After the blue whale, I want to



Hi!
I am Tara

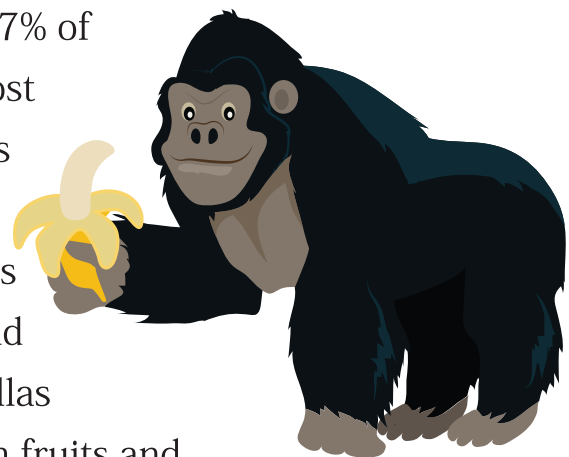


visit the gorillas," Tara said out loud.

Congo! Tara planned to explore the rainforests of Congo, which are 18,000 years old. Despite being the youngest rainforest, it has more big animals than any other jungle. Covering only 7% of the world's area, these rainforests are of utmost importance to our planet. The lowland gorillas



are an essential part of these forests as they disperse and nurture them. Gorillas



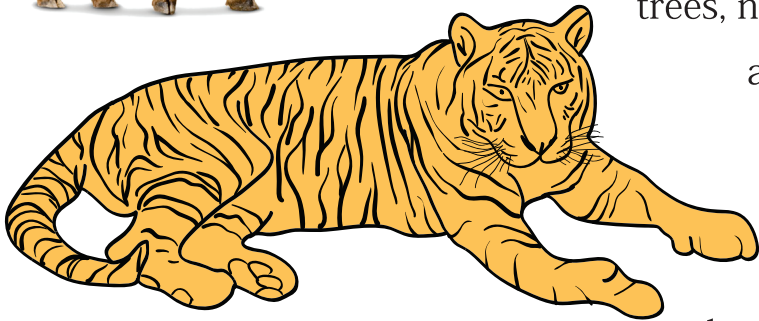
feed on fruits and seeds, and after consuming the flesh, they throw away the seeds, which then grow into new trees and shrubs.



However, over the past two decades, poaching and illegal hunting of these animals have halved their population. If these animals disappear, who will disperse the seeds? Without seeds, there will be no



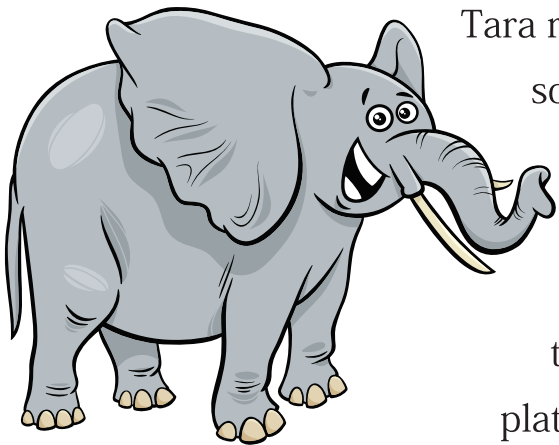
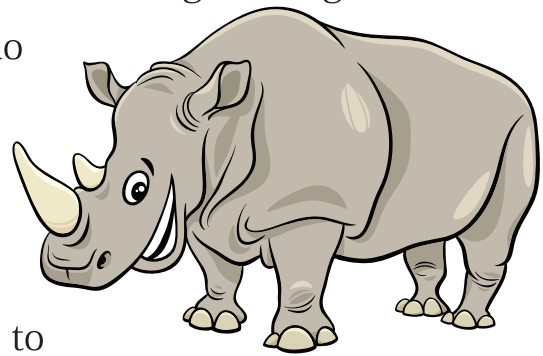
trees, no oxygen,



and more carbon dioxide, leading to an increase in global warming. This, in turn, causes glacier melting, leading to no

algae, no

krill, and eventually no blue whale! Everything seemed to connect.



Tara realized that

something needs to

be done to prevent the extinction of gorillas.

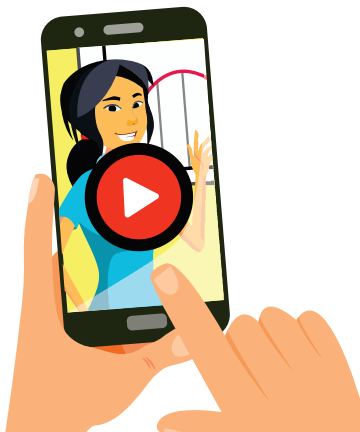
She decided to post a video about poaching

in Congo and asked adults

to share it on social media

platforms such as Facebook

and Instagram.



New Words

1. **Poaching**- the illegal hunting of animals
2. **Disperse**- cause to scatter in all directions
3. **Algae**- very simple aquatic plants that grow mainly in water.

Find other new and interesting words for each other, and write their meanings in your notebooks.

Comprehension

1. Where does Tara plan to visit to see gorillas?
2. How old are the rainforests of Congo?
3. What percentage of the world's area is covered by the rainforests of Congo?
4. How are gorillas useful in maintaining the forests?
5. What is causing the gorilla population to decrease?
6. What did Tara decide to do to prevent poaching?
7. What is leading to glacier melting?

Take turns to make more questions like these above for each other and answer them.

Prompts Pair up

1. Gorilla Walk Relay Race.

Hey kids! Let's have some fun with a Gorilla Walk Relay Race. Walk like gorillas, using your knuckles to touch the ground and taking big steps, from one end of the room or play area to the other. The first to reach the other end wins. Ready, set, go!

2. Make gorilla masks.

As a pair, collect the following

materials: paper plates, markers, and thread to create gorilla masks. Look at photographs/drawings of gorillas, especially their physical features like the large nose and dark fur. Now go ahead and make a mask for each other.

Watch the video on the Gorillas of Congo using the QR code.



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