



# Time to read!

e-Textbook (Reading Animations),  
Worksheets 2 & 3  
Online news websites

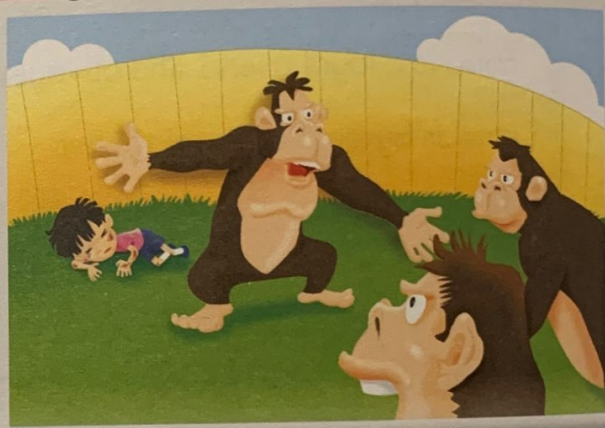
\* Teaching Planner pages 4.9–4.12, 4.38–4.39

✦ Ryan is doing a project about special animals and people. He has found a newspaper article and an online interview. Read the article and interview.

## Gorilla saves child

Yesterday, Sandy, a female lowland gorilla, saved a three-year-old boy who fell into the gorilla enclosure<sup>1</sup> at Broadway Zoo in Chicago. The fall left the child immobilised<sup>2</sup>. Onlookers screamed as the eight-year-old gorilla rushed over, but she did not harm<sup>3</sup> the boy. Instead, she took responsibility for the unconscious<sup>3</sup> child and protected him from the other gorillas. Picking him up gently, she took him over to the door so that the zookeepers could carry him out. The boy is in hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. One observer commented, 'I was so scared when I saw the gorilla moving

It means in a way that suggests that something is true, towards the boy. **If I were** a zookeeper, I **would** always **carry** a tranquiliser<sup>4</sup> gun with me in case of dangerous situations with animals. But the gorilla was very responsible — she looked after the boy **as though** he were her own child.'



<http://news.dfc.com/video/a0016230.html>



Dramatic rescue of Lydia Smith

Hi, this is Ivy Jones. A few days ago, five-year-old Lydia Smith fell into the giant panda enclosure at Wonder Zoo. Thanks to the quick response of zookeepers Andy Wood and Gary Clarke, and ambulance driver Brian Fox, the girl was rescued and has now been discharged<sup>5</sup> from hospital. I've managed to track down Andy Wood, one of the zookeepers, for an interview.

It means to find someone or something by searching in different places.

It means to be able to do something difficult after trying very hard.

<sup>1</sup> enclosure (noun) – an area surrounded by a fence or wall

<sup>2</sup> immobilise (verb) – to stop someone from moving

<sup>3</sup> unconscious (adjective) – in a sleep-like state, usually as a result of illness or injury

<sup>4</sup> tranquiliser (noun) – a type of medicine that makes people or animals feel calm and sleepy

<sup>5</sup> discharge (verb) – to officially allow someone to leave



Ivy: Andy, can you tell us what happened that day? It means wanting to do something or wanting something to take place very much.

Andy: Well, the little girl was very **keen** to get closer to the giant pandas. She leaned over the fence, lost her balance and fell into the panda enclosure. She was unconscious. We couldn't get her out **unless** we actually went into the enclosure. It is used to add more details about something we have just mentioned.

Ivy: I suppose it's a good thing that giant pandas are not very dangerous ...

Andy: No, **as a matter of fact** they're very strong and could easily hurt people! I was worried as some of the young pandas are very aggressive<sup>6</sup> when they feel threatened. The girl's mother was screaming too. **If I were** a panda, I **would feel** upset hearing someone screaming just outside my enclosure. We could see that some of the pandas were moving towards the girl. Luckily, the 'boss' panda, Xiao Chun, stopped the others from **approaching**. It means to come close to something.

Ivy: When did the girl come round<sup>7</sup>?

Andy: I think it was about five minutes later. She was crying loudly. That is natural. **If I were** a child, I **would be** shocked to find myself inside a panda enclosure! Her crying scared the pandas. Xiao Chun led them away to their 'house', so I was able to shut them in. But Wai Wai, a two-year-old male, remained loose. Luckily, my colleague<sup>8</sup> Gary and my friend Brian were around. They helped scare Wai Wai away from the girl.

Ivy: You're very courageous!

Andy: It was my responsibility. I couldn't rescue the girl **unless** all the pandas were locked up in their house.

Ivy: You're modest too! All of you were so brave.

Andy: Actually, the other two men showed more courage than I did — I'm used to handling pandas, but Gary looks after birds and Brian drives an ambulance! But we have been friends and **colleagues** for a long time, so we worked well together. We quickly put the girl on a stretcher<sup>9</sup> and lifted her over the wall. I'm so glad she's fine now.



A **colleague** is someone who works with you in a company or organisation.



## Dictionary skill — Transitive verbs

\* Teaching Planner page 4.13

🔍 Dictionaries

A transitive verb is a verb that must be followed by an object or objects. The object can be a noun or a pronoun. A transitive verb is usually presented as 'T' or 'vt' in the dictionaries.

The opposite is an intransitive verb ('I' or 'vi').

### save verb

[transitive] to stop someone or something from being killed or injured

It shows that the verb 'save' should be followed by a person or a thing:

The zookeeper saves. ✗

The zookeeper saves a panda. ✓

<sup>6</sup>aggressive (adjective) – behaving violently towards someone

<sup>7</sup>come round (phrasal verb) – to become awake again after an accident or an operation

<sup>8</sup>colleague (noun) – a person that you work with

<sup>9</sup>stretcher (noun) – a type of bed commonly used to carry injured people