

Gorilla

Review Key Words

monsters	large, dangerous animals or things
shy	feeling afraid around others; bashful
mean	not nice; cruel
pound	to hit hard



Write a Prediction

Read the Story

5	Gorilla! The very word terrifies	91	circus. Circus posters called him
10	people. They think gorillas are	96	"The World's Most Terrifying Living
17	monsters who would like to tear them	101	Creature." They showed pictures of
24	limb from limb. And, to be sure,	106	him looking terrible. Before he was
29	gorillas look frightening. Their faces	112	in the circus, Gargantua belonged to
36	look mean, and they are big and	118	a woman in New York. She raised
43	strong. But the truth is, gorillas are	125	him from a baby. And she thought
50	very shy. They don't want to eat	132	he was very sweet. One night it was
56	people. They eat only grass and	140	stormy out. Gargantua was afraid.
61	leaves. When they pound their	145	So he broke out of his cage and
68	chest, it is only to frighten an	153	crawled like a frightened child into
74	enemy. If that doesn't work, the	159	bed with the woman! That was when
79	gorilla will just run away.	166	she decided to give him to the circus.
84	The most famous gorilla was	174	
	Gargantua the Great. He was in the		

Cold Timing Score: _____ Final Timing Score: _____

Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Gorillas do not eat people.
 - b. Gorillas are terrifying animals.
 - c. Gorillas look mean but are shy.
2. Why do gorillas pound their chests?
 - a. to hurt themselves
 - b. to exercise their arms
 - c. to scare away enemies
3. What does **limb** mean in this story?
 - a. a bar of a cage
 - b. the branch of a tree
 - c. an arm or a leg
4. How do we know gorillas are shy?
 - a. They run from their enemies.
 - b. They break out of cages.
 - c. They pound their chests.
5. Why did the woman give the gorilla to the circus?

Number Correct: _____

Write a Retell of "Gorilla"

Number of Words Written: _____