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Level 4 – 24th June 2024

Chimpanzees use medicinal plants when sick

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Humans have used plants as medicine since prehistory. Scientists have now found that chimpanzees use plants to heal themselves. Researchers conducted a study of chimpanzee behaviour in a forest in Uganda. The researchers observed a male chimp with an injured hand looking for a fern. The fern may have reduced the swelling in its hand. Another chimp with an infection ate the bark of a tree. This may have helped to cure the animal.

The researchers say there is a correlation between the chimpanzees' ills and the healing properties in plants. The researchers tested the plants the chimpanzees ate. They found that 88 per cent of them had anti-bacterial properties. A researcher said: "Results suggest that Budongo chimpanzees consume several [plants] with potent medicinal properties." She said the research may lead to a greater use of medicinal plants in our lives.

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/chimpanzees-seen-self-medicating-healing-141231514.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. used plants as medicine | a. of a tree |
| 2. chimpanzees use plants | b. swelling in its hand |
| 3. a male chimp with an injured | c. the animal |
| 4. The fern may have reduced the | d. since prehistory |
| 5. Another chimp with | e. helped |
| 6. ate the bark | f. to heal themselves |
| 7. This may have | g. an infection |
| 8. cure | h. hand |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. researchers say there is | a. the chimpanzees ate |
| 2. the chimpanzees' | b. in plants |
| 3. the healing properties | c. several plants |
| 4. researchers tested the plants | d. in our lives |
| 5. 88% of them had anti- | e. a correlation |
| 6. chimpanzees consume | f. properties |
| 7. potent medicinal | g. ills |
| 8. greater use of medicinal plants | h. bacterial properties |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Humans have used plants as (1) _____. Scientists have now found that chimpanzees use (2) _____ themselves. Researchers conducted a study of chimpanzee behaviour in a forest in Uganda. The researchers (3) _____ chimp with an injured hand looking for a fern. The fern may have (4) _____ in its hand. Another chimp with (5) _____ the bark of a tree. This may have helped to (6) _____.

The researchers say there is (7) _____ the chimpanzees' ills and the healing (8) _____. The researchers tested the plants the chimpanzees ate. They found that 88 per cent of them had (9) _____. A researcher said: "(10) _____ Budongo chimpanzees consume several (11) _____ medicinal properties." She said the research may lead to a greater use of (12) _____ our lives.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MEDICINAL PLANTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about medicinal plants in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

