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Chimpanzees use medicinal plants when sick

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240624-medicinal-plants-5.html>

Humans have used plants for medicine since prehistoric times. They are still used in traditional medicine. Scientists have now found that chimpanzees also seek out plants to heal themselves. Researchers in the UK conducted a study of chimpanzee behaviour in the Budongo Central Forest in Uganda. The researchers tracked a male chimp with an injured hand looking for a fern. The fern may have reduced the swelling in the ape's hand. Another chimpanzee with an infection ate the bark of a cat-thorn tree. This may have helped to reduce the animal's sickness.

The researchers say there is a strong correlation between the chimpanzees' ailments and the healing properties in plants. The researchers tested plants that chimpanzees didn't normally eat. They found that 88 per cent of the plants contained anti-bacterial properties, while 33 per cent were anti-inflammatory. A researcher said: "Pharmacological results suggest that Budongo chimpanzees consume several species with potent medicinal properties." She said the investigations into the primates' may pave the way for a greater use of natural remedies in our lives.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. since prehistoric | a. animal's sickness |
| 2. chimpanzees also seek out plants | b. hand |
| 3. conducted a study of | c. an infection |
| 4. a male chimp with an injured | d. times |
| 5. reduced the swelling | e. of a cat-thorn tree |
| 6. Another chimpanzee with | f. to heal themselves |
| 7. ate the bark | g. in the ape's hand |
| 8. helped to reduce the | h. chimpanzee behaviour |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. researchers say there is a strong | a. way |
| 2. the healing properties | b. properties |
| 3. plants that chimpanzees didn't | c. in our lives |
| 4. plants contained anti- | d. in plants |
| 5. Pharmacological | e. bacterial properties |
| 6. species with potent medicinal | f. correlation |
| 7. pave the | g. results |
| 8. a greater use of natural remedies | h. normally eat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Humans have used plants for medicine (1) _____.

They are still used (2) _____. Scientists have now found that chimpanzees also seek out plants (3) _____. Researchers in the UK conducted a study of chimpanzee behaviour in the Budongo Central Forest in Uganda. The researchers (4) _____ chimp with an injured hand looking for a fern. The fern may have (5) _____ in the ape's hand. Another chimpanzee with an infection ate (6) _____ a cat-thorn tree. This may have helped to reduce the animal's sickness.

The researchers say there is (7) _____ between the chimpanzees' ailments and the (8) _____ plants. The researchers tested plants that chimpanzees didn't normally eat. They found that 88 per cent of the plants contained anti-bacterial properties, while 33 per cent (9) _____. A researcher said: "Pharmacological results suggest that Budongo chimpanzees consume several (10) _____ medicinal properties." She said the investigations into the primates' may (11) _____ for a greater use of (12) _____ our lives.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MEDICINAL PLANTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240624-medicinal-plants-4.html>

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) _____

