

MONARTO  
ZOO



## CHIMPANZEES JUNIOR PRIMARY



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# For the Teacher

## General Information

Welcome to Monarto Zoo!

Monarto Zoo is a fantastic educational resource. It is a 1450 hectare open range zoo located on former farming land. Large tracts of remnant mallee scrub exist in the areas between animal enclosures, and this natural scrub is being extended annually through an on-going revegetation program which involves many community and school groups. A huge variety of native fauna roams freely in the scrub areas.

Monarto Zoo is involved in many animal conservation programs and these include both native and exotic species, with a heavy focus on threatened species from desert and arid habitats.

Experiencing Monarto Zoo and learning about animals, ecosystems and conservation can be undertaken via

- Observing and handling the huge range of prepared skins, bones and other animal biofacts at the Visitor Centre.
- A safari bus tour of animal enclosures with a commentary provided by a trained host (for groups of 22 or more students in your own bus),
- Walking through the mallee scrub on signposted tracks,
- Taking as much time as you want to observe animals from viewing platforms around the Visitor Centre and at “Bus Stops”.

The Activity in this resource relates only to the Chimpanzees. Students are encouraged to use good observation skills and to read the signage on the viewing platform. Being quiet and non-confrontational when observing the Chimpanzees is important for their welfare. If they are able to meet the keeper, they should listen carefully and ask questions to learn more about these amazing animals and how they are cared for in captivity.

In planning this excursion, please consider your schedule and how you would like to arrange the class' activities on the day. Discuss this with the Education Officer at the time of booking your visit.

**Estimated time to complete the Chimpanzee Activities: 20 minutes**

**Key:**



Observe carefully



Discuss and share ideas with your group



Write down your thoughts



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Alfred James  
Memorial



J10	Addax		M11	Giraffe	
R4	African Lion		K13	Indian Antelope	
R2	African Painted Dog		E11	Meerkat	
K11	Barbary Sheep		J14	Mesopotamian Fallow Deer	
D17	Bison		G11	Ostrich	
H14	Black Rhinoceros		E13	Przewalski's Horse	
K13	Bongo		H11	Scimitar-horned Oryx	
L5	Cheetah		Q3	Spotted Hyaena	
G12	Chimpanzee		M6	White Rhinoceros	
J13	Chital Deer		F12	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby	
N9	Eland		I14	Zebra	

**Legend**

- Lookout
- Bus Stop
- Car Park
- Toilets
- First Aid
- Cafe
- Zu-loop route
- Walking Tracks
- Creek

Monarto Zoo is smoke free.

# CHIMPANZEE ACTIVITIES – JUNIOR PRIMARY



Chimpanzees are called “Great Apes”.

They are very smart and in some ways they are like people!

Put a tick in the boxes that show how Chimpanzees are **like** people:

Chimps have thumbs on their hands

Chimps have thumbs on their feet

Chimps enjoy playing on their climbing equipment

Chimps love eating termites

Chimps have hair covering most of their body

Chimps love eating fruit

Chimps use tools to help them get their food and water



It is important that the Chimpanzees don't escape from their home at Monarto Zoo.



What can you see that will stop the Chimps from running away?

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Where do you think the Chimps sleep at night?

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Can you draw a picture of a Chimpanzee sleeping in that place?



Quietly watch the Chimpanzees for a few minutes and see what they are doing. If you see any of these activities put a circle around them.

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|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| Playing  | Resting alone | Resting with others |
| Climbing | Making noises | Fighting            |
| Eating   | Grooming      | Drinking            |
|          | Walking       |                     |

