

Jane Goodall



Fact File

Date of birth:	3 rd April 1934
Place of birth:	London
Mother:	Margaret Joseph (an author)
Father:	Mortimer Morris-Goodall (a businessman)

Jane Goodall is an expert on chimpanzees. For 55 years, she has been studying them and finding out how they behave and act in the wild.

Jane loves other animals, too. As well as chimpanzees, Jane spends a lot of her time supporting other animals and wildlife. She believes that animals have rights too. In April 2002, Jane was named 'Messenger of Peace' for her efforts in helping animals from around the world.

Chimp Talk

Chimpanzees 'speak' to each other through sounds, touch, making different faces and the way they move!

Early Years

When she was young, Jane's father gave her a stuffed chimpanzee instead of a teddy bear. She named it Jubilee

and Jane says this is what first made her want to work with animals. Years later, after a lifetime of working with chimpanzees, Jane still has Jubilee!

Africa

In 1957, Jane travelled to Kenya in Africa to work on a friend's farm. She met Louis Leakey, who was a scientist that studied chimpanzees. Jane agreed to work for Louis and began learning all about the animals.



Jane's Special Way

Jane gave all the chimpanzees names. Other scientists at the time had just given the chimps numbers but Jane was different. She called one of the chimpanzees David Greybeard because he had such a grey chin! Some of the other chimps had funny names too. There was Gigi, Goliath, Mr McGregor, Flo and Frodo! Giving the chimps names helped Jane get to know and understand them better.

What Jane Learnt

Jane was so good at understanding chimpanzees that she learnt lots of new things. Here are some of them:

Chimpanzees use tools

One day, Jane watched a chimpanzee using a blade of grass as a tool. He was using it like a spoon to eat little insects. It was the first time anyone had seen an animal use something as a tool.



Chimpanzees eat meat

Jane often watched the apes work together to hunt other animals. Before that, scientists thought chimps just ate plants but now they know they eat meat, too.

Chimpanzees are all different and can feel things

Because Jane worked so closely with the chimpanzees, she noticed that not all of them were the same. Some were loud, others were quiet. Some were mean while others were kind. Jane discovered that chimpanzees were a lot like humans – she even noticed them showing emotions, such as happiness, sadness and anger.



Did You Know?...

Chimpanzees aren't monkeys. They are part of the ape family, which includes gorillas and orangutans.



Questions

1. What has Jane Goodall been doing for 55 years?

2. What was Jane named in 2002? Tick **one**.

- ☐ Messenger of Peace
☐ Messenger of Animals
☐ Chimpanzee Expert
☐ Animals and Wildlife Supporter

3. Explain who Jubilee is and why she is so important to Jane.

4. When was Jane born?

5. Number these to show the order that they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ She saw how they worked together to hunt other animals.
☒ 1 Jane spends a lot of her time helping other animals and wildlife.
☐ She noticed that not all of them were the same.
☐ Jane travelled to a country in Africa called Kenya.
☐ Jane watched a chimpanzee using some grass like a spoon.

6. Link these to the correct sentence ending.

Chimpanzees 'speak' to each other...	a chimpanzee.
A chimpanzee is...	through sounds, touch, making different faces and the way they move.
David Greybeard is...	an ape, not a monkey.

7. **Jane found out that chimpanzees were a lot like humans.**

What sort of things did Jane discover that made her think this?

8. Which **two** words best describe Jane?

- ☐ selfish
- ☐ unselfish
- ☐ caring
- ☐ funny