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Tiny Tree-Dweller

By Guy Belleranti

You have likely seen a squirrel. You may have seen a monkey. Have you ever seen a squirrel monkey?

Squirrel monkeys are small. They are cute too. They live in forests in South and Central America.

Most monkeys who live there



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The groups are called troops. They talk to each other with many kinds of calls. They also rub pee on themselves. Why? Many reasons! One is to tell who is strongest. Another is to mark trails. Another is to keep cool. Only the monkeys' hands and feet sweat. The pee acts like sweat. Another reason may be to keep clean. Pee can kill some germs.

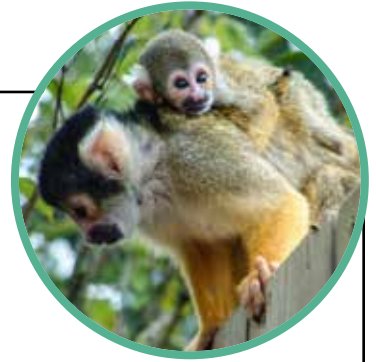
What do squirrel monkeys eat? Fruit, flowers, leaves, nuts, insects, eggs, and small animals.

Are squirrel monkeys smart? Yes! Squirrel monkeys are small. But their brains are big!

What is smaller than a squirrel monkey? A baby squirrel monkey! The baby rides on its mom's back. Most moms have one baby at a time.

Squirrel monkeys may be in trouble. Forest loss is one problem. Some people want them as pets. That is another problem. Yes, the monkeys are cute. But they are not pets!

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1. What was the author's purpose?
 - a. to make you want a pet squirrel monkey
 - b. to tell you how to care for a squirrel monkey
 - c. to tell a story about a squirrel monkey
 - d. to teach you facts about squirrel monkeys

2. Which fact about squirrel monkeys is true?
 - a. They often have 2–3 babies.
 - b. They swing from their tails.
 - c. They only eat plants.
 - d. They do not live in Africa.



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5. Why would forest loss be a problem for squirrel monkeys?

6. A baby squirrel monkey with its mother looks most like...

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| a. a hat | b. a necklace |
| c. a backpack | d. a dog on a leash |

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Fill in the missing letters to make a vocabulary word from the article. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. d _ _ _ l l _ _ r

clue: one who lives somewhere

2. _ _ _ r m s

clue: can make you sick

3. h _ _ a _ _ n



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6. _ _ r _ _ i l

clue: marked path

7. t _ _ o _ _ _ s

clue: groups of monkeys

8. _ _ _ n t r a _ _

clue: in the middle

9. s _ _ e _ _ t

clue: used to cool off

10. _ _ a _ _ a n c _ _

clue: to not fall; to keep even

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In the article, "Tiny Tree-Dweller," you learned that squirrel monkeys can tell each other things. One way is with different calls. Another way is with pee.

Think of the different ways humans tell each other things. List as many as you can think of. Do you think one is most useful? Why or why not?



A cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit with a red cape and a shield-shaped emblem on his chest with the letters 'MJS'. He is flying through a blue sky with white clouds, holding a red object in his right hand.

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10. b a l a n c e

balance

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