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Chimpanzees: The Whole Picture

Chimpanzees are among the most intelligent, friendly, curious animals on Earth. These amazing apes are similar to humans in many ways. They think, play, make tools, give hugs, kisses, and tickles, and

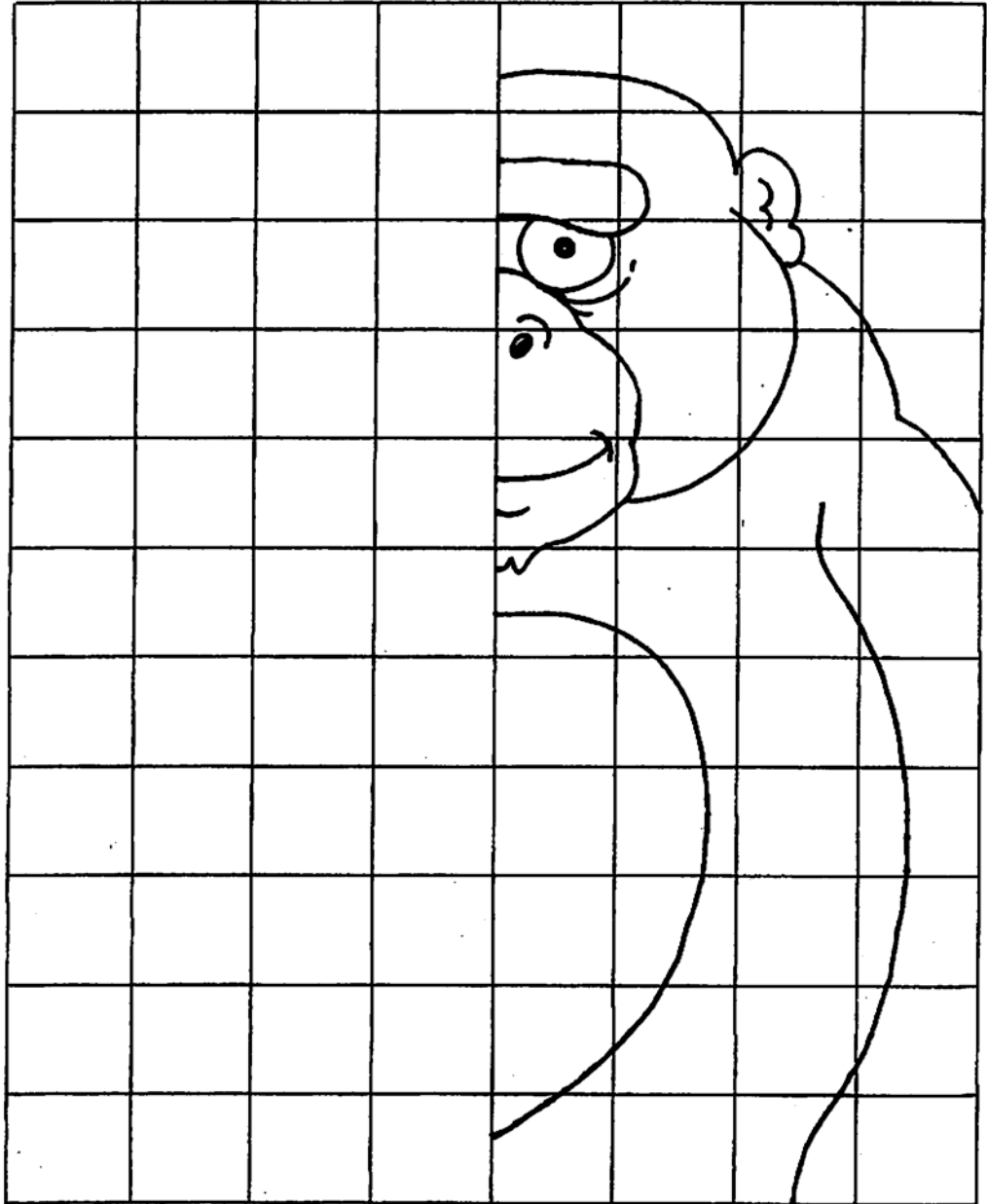
pat each other on the back. Read about some of the issues facing chimps and how you can help. Then finish this picture, using the grid as a guide.

■ **WHAT'S THE MATTER?** In circuses, chimps are made to wear costumes and clown around for audiences. Like lions jumping through fiery hoops or bears teetering on bikes, chimps perform because they have to, not because they want to. Babies are typically stolen from their moms in the wild, then trained with sticks and electric shocks.

■ **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Don't attend circuses that use wildlife. Ask friends, family, and classmates to avoid them too. If you want to see thrilling high-wire acts and dazzling displays, check out circuses featuring only human performers. A famous one is Cirque du Soleil.

■ **WHAT'S THE MATTER?** TV commercials, greeting cards, and magazine ads often show chimps acting human. They go shopping, wear tuxedos, eat cereal, and chat on wireless bananas. If their goofy grins seem to prove they're having fun, guess again. Chimp expert Jane Goodall says, "What looks like a happy face is just the opposite. Chimps grin with their top teeth showing when they're afraid. That full smile is how they express fear."

■ **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Write to companies that use chimps in their advertising. Ask them not to. (For addresses and sample letters, see the Web site at the bottom of this page.) Tell them your family won't buy products from companies that hurt animals. Your letters and e-mails can work magic. This year, a major sneaker company quit running its chimp ads because people criticized the commercials.



Read up on chimps in your library or on the Web. (A super site is www.janegoodall.net/news.) On the back, draw a chimp in his natural environment. List three natural chimpanzee behaviors you find fascinating.