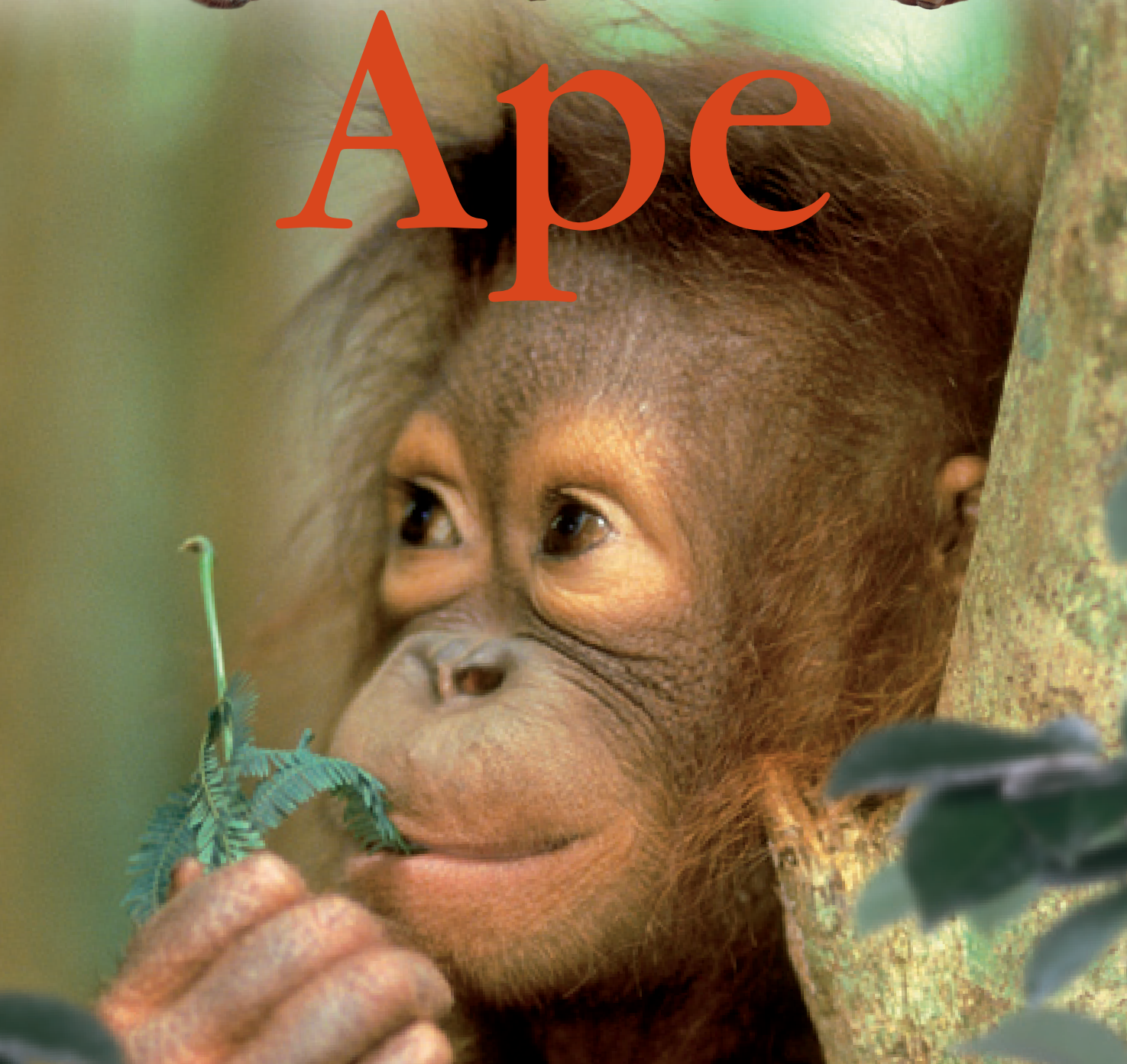




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I'm an orangutan

I was born in a green, leafy jungle.

My mom and I live up in the trees. I hang on tight to my mother while she swings from tree to tree.

Hold on tight!

The baby will stay with its mother for about eight years.

Two orangutans are shown hanging from tree branches. The one on the left is holding its mouth with its hand, while the one on the right is hanging upside down with its arms and legs spread out.

Orangutans learn to climb when they are around three years old.

We're just hanging

around.



Fruit for breakfast
This orangutan is eating a jungle fruit called a durian. Orangutans love to eat fruit, but they also eat leaves, bark, flowers and insects.



Learning to climb

I'm three years old. My brothers and sisters are teaching me how to climb trees on my own, but I am careful to stay close to Mom.



Orangutans have very strong hands and feet.

*Hey—look at me
I can climb!*



Orangutan teeth are designed for eating fruit.

A photograph of three orangutans in a lush green forest. One is at the top, another is in the middle, and a third is at the bottom right, all clinging to tree branches. The background is filled with vibrant green leaves and tree trunks.

Orangutan facts

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One adult orangutan is about as strong as eight adult humans.



The arms of an adult orangutan can be more than 7 ft (2.5 m) long when stretched out.



Orangutans use many tools. Some orangutans use leaves as napkins, to wipe food off their faces.

*Be careful,
little brother!*

Family life

Orangutans live with their moms until they are about 10 years old, when they go off to live on their own.



I'm a gorilla

I live with my family in a big forest. I'm only four months old and I can't walk yet so I hang on to my mom. I cling to Mom's fur while she looks for some tasty food to eat.



A free ride

This newborn gorilla will cling to its mother's fur for around five months. After that, the baby will ride on its mother's back or shoulders.



A photograph of a baby gorilla resting on the back of an adult gorilla. The baby gorilla is lying on its side, looking towards the left. The adult gorilla is standing in a grassy field. The text "Are we there yet?" is written in a playful, slanted font above the baby gorilla.

Are we there yet?

A gorilla's day
Gorillas spend their mornings
and evenings looking for food
and eating. They spend the
middle part of the day sleeping,
playing or grooming.



I'm ten months old

I can walk on my own now, but whenever I get tired I hitch a ride with my older brother. I spend most of the day with my brothers and sisters.

Gorillas like to take a nap in the middle of the day.

Sweet dreams

When they go to sleep, gorillas make a nest out of leaves and branches. When they wake up, they eat the leaves and have breakfast in bed.



I love to play with my brothers and sisters.





A baby gibbon

I was born high up in the trees in a tropical rainforest. I live with my mother, my father and my brothers and sisters. My family spend most of their time high up in the trees.



**I can't wait until I'm old enough
to swing through the trees.**

Gibbons
learn to swing
through the trees
when they are about
one year old.



Look how far
I can stretch!

Gibbon facts

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Gibbons sleep sitting up.



Gibbons are very good at walking on two feet, just like humans.



Gibbons eat fruit, leaves and insects, but their favorite food is ripe figs.




Hanging around

My family and I move through the trees by swinging from branch to branch. My long arms and hands help me to hang on to the branches as I move.

Gibbons use their curved hands, feet, and fingers to hook on to branches as they swing from tree to tree.

My brother can swing all the way through

Hanging on with just one hand is easy for a gibbon!



A gibbon
can leap
about 30 ft
(10 m) from
tree to tree.

the forest.



Call of the wild

Each gibbon family makes up its own songs and sings them every day. The songs are very loud and tell other gibbons to stay away.



Chimpanzee baby

I was born in a forest. I live here with my family and all of our friends. There are always plenty of other chimps for me to play with.



New arrival
The newborn chimp is carried by her mother until she is strong enough to cling to her mother's fur.



*Climbing is hard,
hanging on is easy.*



Chimps eat fruit, insects, honey, flowers, leaves, nuts, and small animals.



Keeping clean

Chimpanzees spend a lot of their time grooming each other. Grooming helps keep the chimps' fur clean and is also a way to make friends.

Baby chimps spend almost all of their time with their mother.

All this fun and play has made me sleepy!



Growing and learning

There are so many things to learn before I am all grown up! My sisters and brothers teach me what kinds of food are good to eat. They also show me how to use tools, such as sticks, to reach the food.



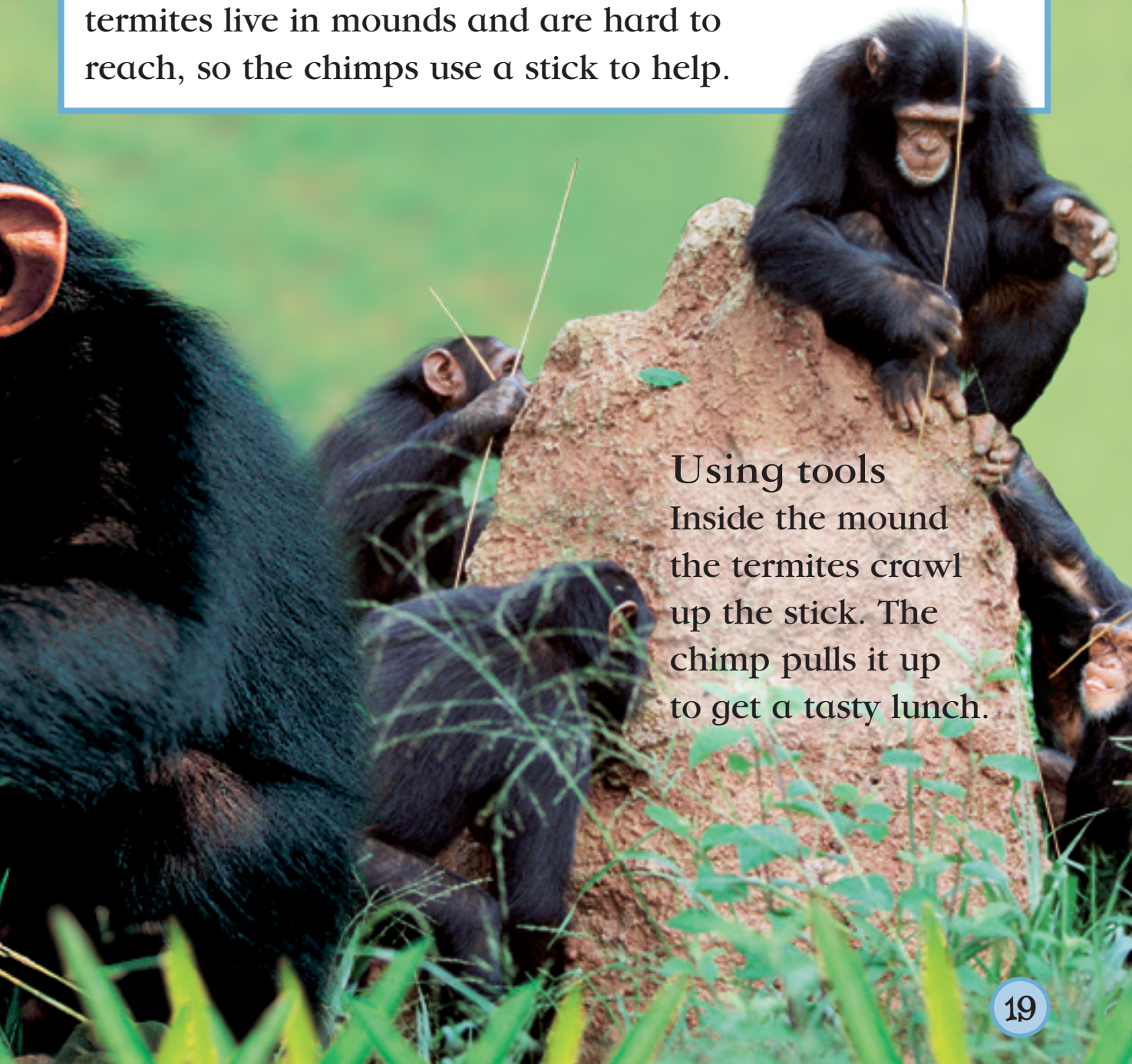
Lunch on a stick

Termites are a favorite food for hungry chimps. The termites live in mounds and are hard to reach, so the chimps use a stick to help.



Using tools

Inside the mound the termites crawl up the stick. The chimp pulls it up to get a tasty lunch.



The circle of life
goes around
and around.

... baby to a gorilla



Now you
know how
we grew
from a ...



... baby to a gibbon



... baby to an orangutan

**Bye bye,
I'll miss
you.**



... baby to a chimpanzee



Our ape friends from around the world



The Borneo
gibbon lives only
on the tropical
island of Borneo.



Siamang apes live in tropical
forests in southeast Asia.



I'm tired!



The Mountain
gorilla lives
high up in the
mountains in
central Africa.

The Bonobo lives in
Africa and is also
called the pygmy
chimpanzee.



My ape friends live in jungles and forests all around the world.

The Buff-cheeked crested gibbon has yellow or tan fur.



The agile gibbon lives in the tops of jungle trees.



it's time to sleep.



Ape facts



Gibbons swing through the trees at about 35 mph (56 kph).



Chimpanzees don't like to be in water and can't swim.



Gorillas live together in groups of about 20, called troops.



The word "orangutan" means forest person.

Glossary



Nest

A place some apes make for sleeping, made out of leaves.



Fur

The soft hair that keeps the ape warm and protects it.



Grooming

When apes use their hands to clean and tidy each other's fur.



Tool

An object used for a special job, like a stick or a rock.



Rainforest

A place with many big trees where it rains a lot.



Troop

A group of animals living together. Chimps live in troops.

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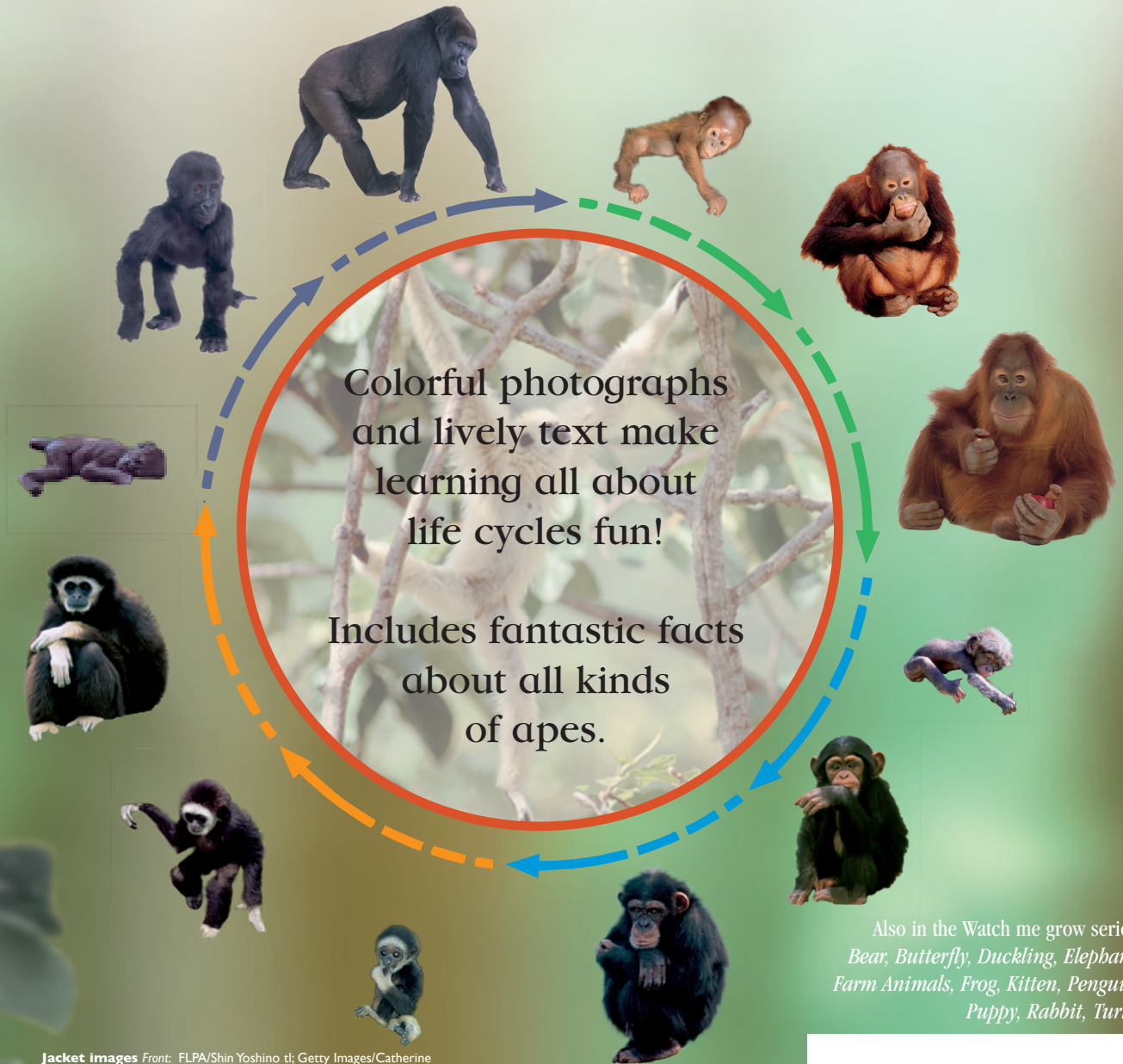
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