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## Gorilla joins Facebook and Twitter

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A gorilla has a new Facebook, Twitter and MySpace account. He didn't sign up for them himself, of course. The new social networker is called Muhozi. He's one of only 340 mountain gorillas living in Uganda. It is part of a Ugandan Wildlife Authority campaign to help protect the country's mountain gorillas. The organization hopes to raise money to fight poachers. Many local hunters kill the apes for their meat. They also sell their body parts. Visitors to Facebook, MySpace and Twitter can donate a minimum of one dollar to be Muhozi's friend.

Gorillas are very precious animals. We must do everything we can to save them. It will be a crime if they all die out. Uganda's gorilla-friend campaign is a great way to teach people. Hopefully, it will raise awareness of how rare gorillas are. Using new social media tools like Facebook and Twitter should get more people to care. One dollar isn't a lot. I know people who pay nearly ten dollars for a cup of coffee. I think donating some money to save the gorillas is a wonderful thing to do. It's better than having a coffee.

# PHRASE MATCH

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**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. MySpace          | a. networker  |
| 2. social           | b. parts      |
| 3. Ugandan Wildlife | c. gorillas   |
| 4. mountain         | d. account    |
| 5. sell their body  | e. one dollar |
| 6. a minimum of     | f. Authority  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. very precious   | a. all die      |
| 2. a crime if they | b. tools        |
| 3. raise           | c. the gorillas |
| 4. social media    | d. some money   |
| 5. donating        | e. animals      |
| 6. save            | f. awareness    |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Gorillas are \_\_\_\_\_. We must do everything we can to save them. It will be a crime if \_\_\_\_\_. Uganda's gorilla-friend campaign \_\_\_\_\_ teach people. Hopefully, it will raise awareness of \_\_\_\_\_ are. Using new social media tools like Facebook and Twitter should get more people to care. One \_\_\_\_\_. I know people who pay nearly ten dollars for a cup of coffee. I think donating some \_\_\_\_\_ the gorillas \_\_\_\_\_ to do. It's better than having a coffee.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A gorilla has a new Facebook, Twitter and MySpace (1) \_\_\_\_\_. He didn't sign up for them himself, of (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The new social networker is called Muhozi. He's one of only 340 mountain gorillas living in Uganda. It is part of a Ugandan Wildlife Authority campaign (3) \_\_\_\_\_ help protect the country's mountain gorillas. The organization hopes to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ money to fight poachers. Many local hunters kill the apes for their meat. They also sell their body parts. Visitors to Facebook, MySpace and Twitter can donate a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of one dollar to be Muhozi's friend.

Gorillas are very (6) \_\_\_\_\_ animals. We must do everything we can to save them. It will be a crime if they all die (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Uganda's gorilla-friend campaign is a great way to teach people. Hopefully, it will raise awareness of how (8) \_\_\_\_\_ gorillas are. Using new social media tools like Facebook and Twitter should get more people to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. One dollar isn't a lot. I know people who pay nearly ten dollars for a cup of coffee. I think donating some money to save the gorillas is a wonderful thing to (10) \_\_\_\_\_. It's better than having a coffee.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                |                |             |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) accounting | (b) accountant | (c) account |
| 2.  | (a) course     | (b) coarse     | (c) courses |
| 3.  | (a) to         | (b) for        | (c) at      |
| 4.  | (a) up         | (b) heighten   | (c) raise   |
| 5.  | (a) small      | (b) minimum    | (c) lower   |
| 6.  | (a) precious   | (b) previous   | (c) species |
| 7.  | (a) up         | (b) out        | (c) on      |
| 8.  | (a) rarely     | (b) really     | (c) rare    |
| 9.  | (a) care       | (b) careful    | (c) cared   |
| 10. | (a) have       | (b) do         | (c) be      |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0909/090928-gorillas.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. MySpace uaconct
2. social rwonteekr
3. nnuamoti gorillas
4. aseir money
5. tehsrnu kill the apes
6. donate a mmiunmi of one dollar

## Paragraph 2

7. very oeipcrsu animals
8. It will be a icmer
9. gorilla-friend niamagcp
10. social daime tools
11. One rlldao isn't a lot
12. a wdurfnleo thing

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0909/090928-gorillas.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) some money to save the gorillas is a wonderful thing to do. It's better than having a coffee.
- ( ) meat. They also sell their body parts. Visitors to Facebook, MySpace and Twitter can donate a minimum of one dollar to be Muhozi's friend.
- ( ) course. The new social networker is called Muhozi. He's one of only 340 mountain gorillas living in
- ( ) out. Uganda's gorilla-friend campaign is a great way to teach people. Hopefully, it will raise awareness
- ( ) care. One dollar isn't a lot. I know people who pay nearly ten dollars for a cup of coffee. I think donating
- ( **1** ) A gorilla has a new Facebook, Twitter and MySpace account. He didn't sign up for them himself, of
- ( ) Gorillas are very precious animals. We must do everything we can to save them. It will be a crime if they all die
- ( ) gorillas. The organization hopes to raise money to fight poachers. Many local hunters kill the apes for their
- ( ) Uganda. It is part of a Ugandan Wildlife Authority campaign to help protect the country's mountain
- ( ) of how rare gorillas are. Using new social media tools like Facebook and Twitter should get more people to

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. sign didn't He himself them for up.

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2. He's gorillas mountain 340 only of one.

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3. fight to money raise poachers.

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4. body also their parts They sell.

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5. one a of dollar donate minimum.

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6. are Gorillas animals precious very.

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7. be a crime if they all die out It will.

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8. rare how of awareness raise are gorillas.

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9. coffee of cup a for dollars ten nearly pay who people.

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10. a better having coffee It's than.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about gorillas. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about gorillas. Include imaginary interviews with some gorillas in Uganda. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a gorilla. Ask him/her three questions about being a gorilla. Give him/her three of your opinions on people. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.