

Toronto Star Livestream – Toronto Zoo Lemurs (Grade 3)

The following activities are intended to be used as a follow-up exercise after viewing the Toronto Zoo ring-tailed lemurs on the Toronto Star’s livestream.

ACTIVITY ONE- Basic Needs

Lemurs depend on many plants in their environment for their daily needs. First let’s discover what those needs might be (Hint: There are 4 main basic needs every animal needs to survive). Watch closely on the live stream and do some at-home research to discover what the basic needs of a Lemur might be.

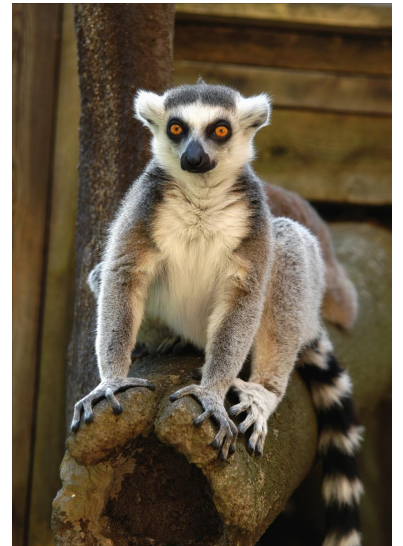
Animal: Ring Tailed Lemur
Basic needs:

1. _____ Example: _____

2. _____ Example: _____

3. _____ Example: _____

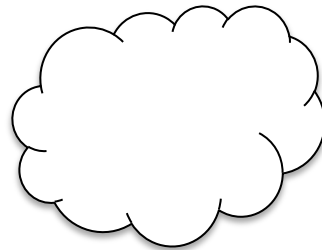
4. _____ Example: _____



Draw a picture of a Lemur(s) getting one (or more) of their basic needs.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a student to draw a picture of a lemur(s) getting one or more of their basic needs.

Now that we know what their basic needs are lets see how many they get from the plants in their habitat. By looking at the live stream, you are able to get a close up view of the large trees the Lemurs live in. Brainstorm below all the ways you think a Lemur might use the trees / Vines.



With all this thinking I'm sure you've worked up an appetite! Lots of the yummy food our lemurs like to eat comes from different plants. Take a look on the live stream and see if you can catch the lemurs eating some food. (Hint: the best times to look for food is mid morning and mid afternoon). If needed you can research a lemur's favourite foods to complete the activity below.

What kind of foods did you see the lemurs eating?



Next take a look at the foods you have in your home, what plants where they sourced from?

Food: _____ Plant source: _____

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All photos are sourced from the Toronto Zoo website.

Answers: They feed on a variety of fruits, as well as leaves, flowers, grasses, bark, and tree sap. They occasionally eat insects and other small animals, as well as bird eggs.