

All About Jane Goodall



Jane Goodall was born in London, England in 1934. As a child, she loved animals. She was curious about animals. She spent hours watching the animals in her backyard to learn about them. Jane dreamed of traveling to the continent of Africa. She wanted to learn all about animals. When Jane was 22 years old she traveled to Kenya. There she met and was hired by Dr. Louis Leakey, an archaeologist and paleontologist. She was sent to Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania to learn about chimpanzees.

Dr. Louis Leakey asked Jane to observe a group of chimpanzees to learn about their behaviors. At first the chimpanzees were very shy, but later Jane was able to observe them closely. She learned that chimpanzees use tools, just like people! She made many other important discoveries about chimpanzees at Gombe. She wrote her first book called *The Chimpanzees of Gombe: Patterns of Behavior* to share what she learned. Jane wrote many books and became an animal conservationist. A conservationist is someone who works to preserve natural resources and environments. She helps to save chimpanzees around the world through research and education.

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Directions: Answer the questions about the text.

1. What was Jane interested in as a child?

2. What does it mean to be a conservationist?

3. What is one thing that Jane learned about chimpanzees?

4. What else would you like to know about Jane Goodall? Share your ideas with a friend.
