

Rotation activity 1: the animal

Hi kids, my name is Johanna. I am a Delacour's langur. This is a very tricky name and that's why people also call me panda langur.

Do you know what kind of an animal I am? If you need a hint, take a look at the picture of me.



Picture 1: <http://im.rediff.com/news/2012/oct/22species14.jpg> (04.01.14)

Picture 2: <http://www.tarrdaniel.com/images/animals/strange/DelacourLangur.jpg> (04.01.14)

Yes, that's right. I am a monkey. As you know there are many different types of monkeys in the world.

Do you know any?

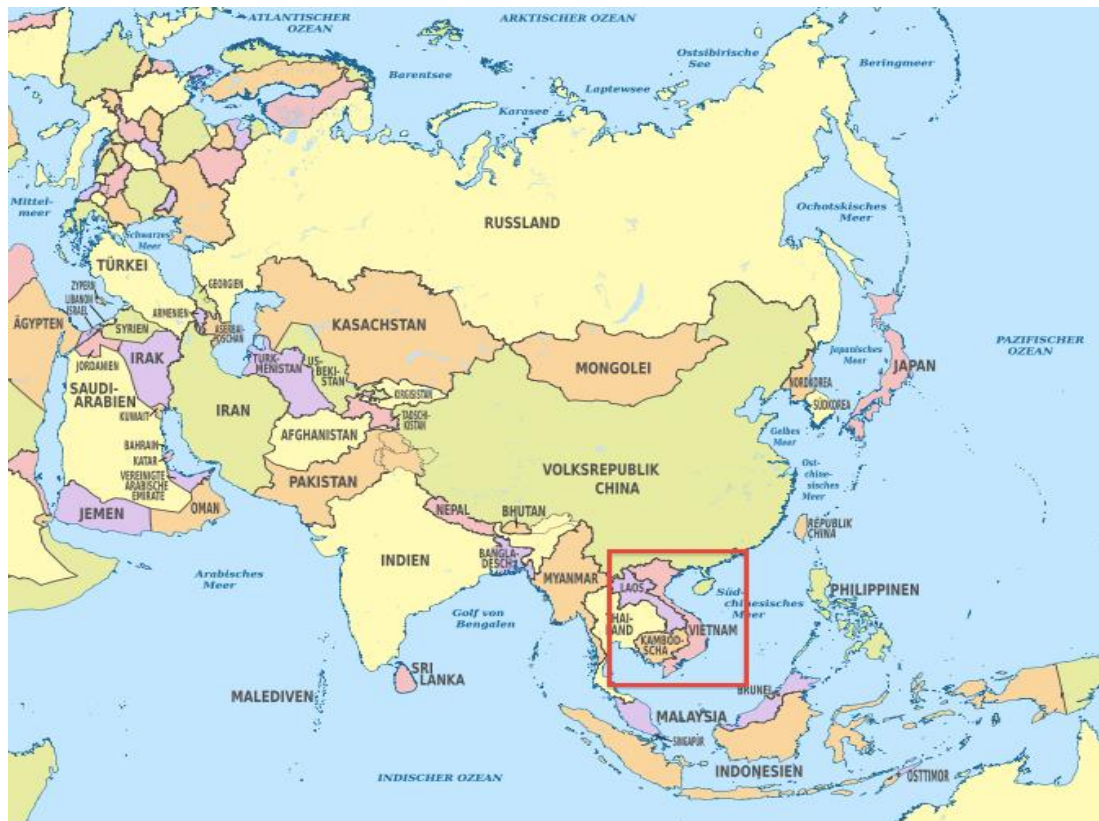
Exactly, there are gorillas, orang-utans, chimpanzees and many more. I belong to the group which is called langurs. I have black fur nearly everywhere. Only my hips, my thighs and my cheeks are white. The pale fur markings on my legs make me look as if I'm wearing shorts. The markings on my face remind people of a panda. That's why me and my fellows got the name panda langur. And last of all you can easily recognize us by our funny tuft of hair.

Rotation activity 2: the natural habitat

I guess you're curious now where I come from. I brought a map for you. Look here, my home country is colored red. It's called Vietnam and it's in Asia. Our capital city is called Hanoi.



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Can you show me your home country on the world map? Which is larger, my country or yours? And can you tell me the name of your country's capital?

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We panda langurs only live in the area around our capital Hanoi. Me and my relatives are at comfortable in densely wooded limestone areas where we find the best hideouts in the treetops. To sleep at night we look for caves, of which there are very many in our mountains. There we are well protected.

Now have a look at the picture where you can see the limestone mountains covered with forest, my home.

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Picture 1



Picture 2

Picture 1: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Van_Long_natural_reserve_03.jpg (04.01.14)

Picture 2: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Van_Long_natural_reserve_02.jpg (04.01.14)

Rotation activity 3: the threats

Sadly we are only a very small population at the present time. They say there are only 270 to 300 panda langurs left. That means we panda langurs are one of the most endangered species in the world. That has happened because people are taking our limestone for building material. So our forest is getting smaller and smaller and our hideouts fewer and fewer. Furthermore, the town Hanoi is growing larger. Because the suburbs of the town are approaching and we don't like to live in a city close to people, our habitat is diminishing. Also there are many people who hunt us.

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Imagine you are an animal rights activist in Vietnam! What would be your way to help me and my family to keep on living in this place and to live in peace with Hanoi's citizens?

Rotation activity 4: protection

There are many people who want to help me and my relatives. They set up national parks. It's strictly prohibited to hunt us and to destroy our home. To make sure that everybody sticks to this rule, there is a person who takes care of us. For instance, if one of us gets lost in the city or is caught by a person, nice people will take us back to the national park or to a protection station. There they will look after us when we don't feel well. This station especially for us is situated in the village Cuc Phuong. My mother was rescued by such nice people and was taken to this station. So me and my brother were born at the station in Cuc Phuong. When we grew up, the rangers taught us to survive in the wilderness. Now we two live in the protected area Van Long, together with many other panda langurs. Here we are very content and have found many new friends.

Have a look at the pictures. You can see where Hanoi is located where I grew up, and where I'm living now.

