

Solutions:

1. Describe the characteristics of the orangutan.

- They belong to the great apes, live only in southeast Asia, are critically endangered
- “forest people” that are able to climb (anatomy: flexible feet, arms longer than legs, opposable thumb), they use tools, have an exceptional memory, paralanguage
- have a very long generation cycle, do not live in a group, male only stays near female for mating, female rears a single young over a number of years

2. Give reasons why the orangutan is critically endangered.

-Through the deforestation of the rainforest because of palm oil, wood and cellulose their habitat and food sources and shelter options are being destroyed.

- poaching: apes are hunted and sold (to consume their meat or to keep, they have been abused, even forced to prostitution)

-orangutans have a very long generation cycle and a low reproduction rate

Caricature:

Result: The palm oil industry and its plantations are a reason for the destruction of the orangutan’s habitat.

Some products which contain palm oil:



Some measures you can employ to try to save the orangutan (even in your school):

- avoiding products which consist of palm oil (maybe a day or week without palm oil in your school)
- inform other classes about the reasons why the orangutan and other animals in the rainforest are critically endangered
- make sure you use paper with a sign that says it is recycled and not from the rainforest