

Siamang: The Singing Apes

Zoology · Answer Key · 19 Questions

1. What is the scientific name of the Siamang?

- A) Symphalangus syndactylus**
- B) Gorilla gorilla
- C) Pan troglodytes
- D) Pongo abelii

2. In which region are Siamangs naturally found?

- A) South America
- B) Southeast Asia**
- C) Central Africa
- D) Northern Europe

3. Which two specific locations are mentioned as Siamang habitats?

- A) Borneo and Java
- B) Malaysia and Sumatra**
- C) Thailand and Vietnam
- D) India and Sri Lanka

4. What is the conservation status of the Siamang according to the IUCN?

- A) Vulnerable
- B) Least Concern
- C) Endangered**
- D) Extinct in the Wild

5. Siamangs are the largest members of which family?

- A) Great Apes
- B) Gibbon**
- C) Lemur
- D) Old World Monkey

6. What physical feature do both males and females have to help create loud calls?

- A) Large ears
- B) A throat sac**
- C) Long tails
- D) Pouch on the chest

7. What does 'diurnal' mean in relation to Siamangs?

- A) They sleep all day
- B) They are active at night
- C) They are active during the day**
- D) They only eat at sunset

8. How do Siamangs typically drink water?

- A) Lapping it with their tongues
- B) Drinking directly from rivers
- C) Sucking water from their fingers**
- D) Using leaves as cups

9. What does the term 'arboreal' mean?

- A) Ground-dwelling
- B) Tree-dwelling**
- C) Water-living
- D) Cave-dwelling

10. What is the primary diet of a Siamang?

- A) Mainly meat and eggs
- B) Mainly leaves and fruit**
- C) Only insects
- D) Roots and tubers

11. Which specific fruit is mentioned as a favorite for Siamangs?

- A) Bananas
- B) Mangoes
- C) Figs**
- D) Berries

12. How often do Siamangs typically breed?

- A) Every 6 months
- B) Every year
- C) Every 2-3 years**
- D) Every 10 years

13. At what age does the male Siamang take over daily care of the young?

- A) At birth
- B) Around one year old**
- C) At five years old
- D) When they are adults

14. How old are young Siamangs when they typically leave their birth group?

- A) 1-2 years old
- B) 3-4 years old
- C) 5-7 years old**
- D) 10-12 years old

15. Siamang pairs stay together for how long?

- A) One breeding season
- B) Five years
- C) For life**
- D) Until the young are born

16. How large can a Siamang's territory be?

- A) Up to 1 hectare
- B) Up to 5 hectares
- C) Up to 20 hectares**
- D) Up to 100 hectares

17. What is the main purpose of the Siamang's loud call sequence?

- A) To scare away predators
- B) For pair bonding and territory announcement**
- C) To find water
- D) To signal the start of rain

18. Where do Siamangs prefer to rest and sleep?

- A) In hollow logs
- B) On the forest floor
- C) In the highest trees**
- D) In caves

19. Which organization compiled the Red List of Threatened Species?

- A) WWF
- B) UNESCO
- C) IUCN**
- D) Greenpeace