



TOEFL iBT® Online Prep Course | Activity 1 Reading Reading > Lesson 1: Factual/Negative Factual Questions > Exercise 1.2 DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage and the questions about it. Decide which of the choices best answers the question, and mark the Hide Time Continue 00:19:57 In a recent study, research teams examined chimpanzee populations in Africa. They observed ways that chimpanzees appear to pass behavior from one generation to another. Based on the experiment, the research team asked the question of whether chimpanzees could learn to utilize tools from each other in the same way. Behavior that is learned from others in a population and passed along in this manner is what we call culture. In posing the question of whether chimpanzees can experience culture, the scientists had raised a controversial issue. In the past, most biologists have thought that only humans experienced culture. Although testing this type of learning in the field has been difficult, investigators at Yerkes National Primate Research Center in Atlanta, Georgia, recently performed an experiment guided In a recent study, research teams examined chimpanzee populations in Africa. They observed ways that chimpanzees appear to pass behavior from one generation to another. Based on the experiment, the research team asked the question of whether chimpanzees could learn to utilize tools from each other in the same way. Behavior that is learned from others in a population and passed along in this manner is what we call culture. In posing the question of whether chimpanzees can experience culture, the scientists had raised a controversial issue. In the past, most biologists have thought that only humans experienced culture. Although testing this type of learning in the field has been difficult, investigators at Yerkes National Primate Research Center in Atlanta, Georgia, recently performed an experiment guided by the notion that chimpanzees can learn particular ways to use tools by observing other chimps. Thus, the controversial hypothesis that chimpanzees can transmit culture was tested. The investigators at Yerkes predicted that if they taught one chimp to use a stick to obtain food from a dispenser, other chimps would learn the technique from the educated one. They divided chimpanzees into two experimental groups with sixteen in each group, and then they taught a high-ranking female in each group to use a stick to obtain food from an apparatus. The two chimps were taught different methods. While one of the female chimps was taught to poke the stick inside the device to free the food, the other was taught to use the stick to lift a hook. This action removed an obstruction, which allowed the food to roll forward out of the device. A third group served as a control group, the group that is left untreated or unexposed to a procedure. In this case, the chimps in the control group were given access to the sticks and the apparatus with the food inside but were not taught how to use the sticks. All of the control-group chimps manipulated the apparatus with the stick, but none succeeded in releasing food. *

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