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The Watcher

As a young girl, Jane Goodall loved to watch animals and read stories about them.

She dreamed of living in **Africa** one day and writing stories about wild animals.



Jane Goodall was born in England in 1934. At that time, most young girls grew up to live quiet lives at home.



Young Jane with her dog, Rusty. Jane loved to play with her pets, climb trees, and read. She wanted a life of travel and adventure.

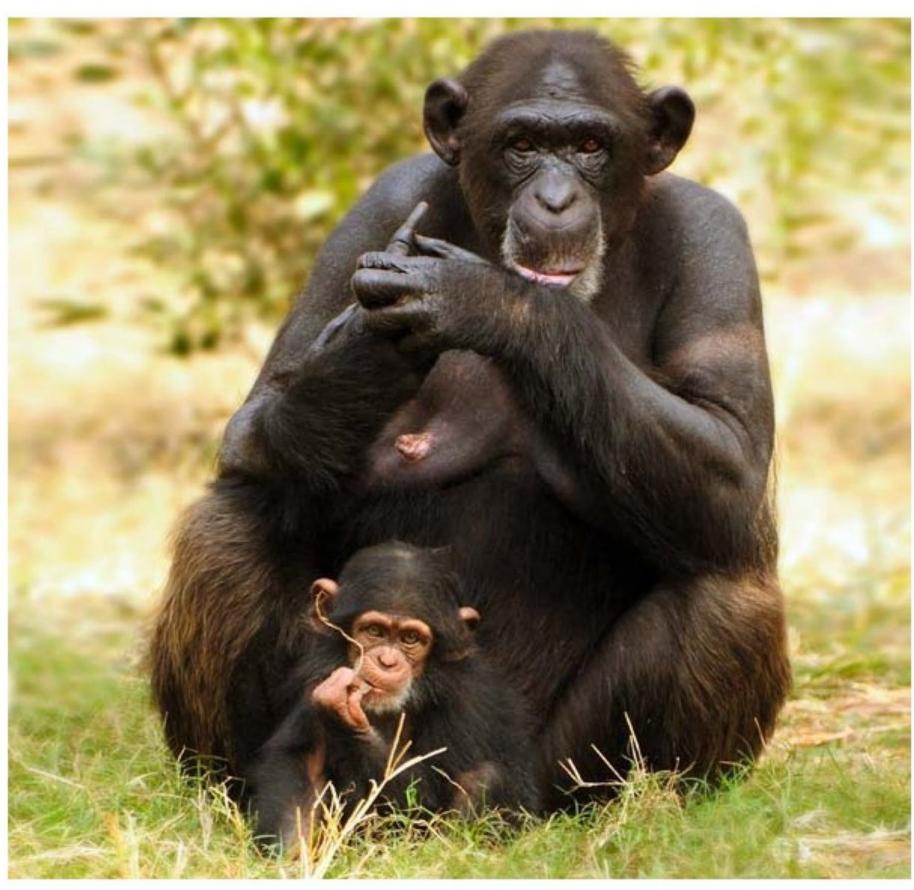
Off to Africa

When she was old enough, Jane worked and saved her money.
When she had saved enough, she went on a trip to Africa.
In Africa, Jane met Dr. Louis Leakey, a famous scientist.

When Jane met Dr. Leakey, he needed help with an important new animal **study**.

The study would look at how chimpanzees behave.

Dr. Leakey asked Jane to work on the chimpanzee study with him.



Part of Jane's work was to watch and report on what the chimps did during their normal day.



Into the Forest

To work on the study, Jane and her mother moved to the country of Tanzania (tan-zuh-NEE-uh).

They lived with chimpanzees in the Gombe (GOME-bay) Forest.

The Gombe Gang

At first, most of the chimps in Gombe were afraid of Jane.
Only a chimp she had named David trusted her.

He let Jane meet his family group.



Jane watched the chimps from far away until they began to trust her.



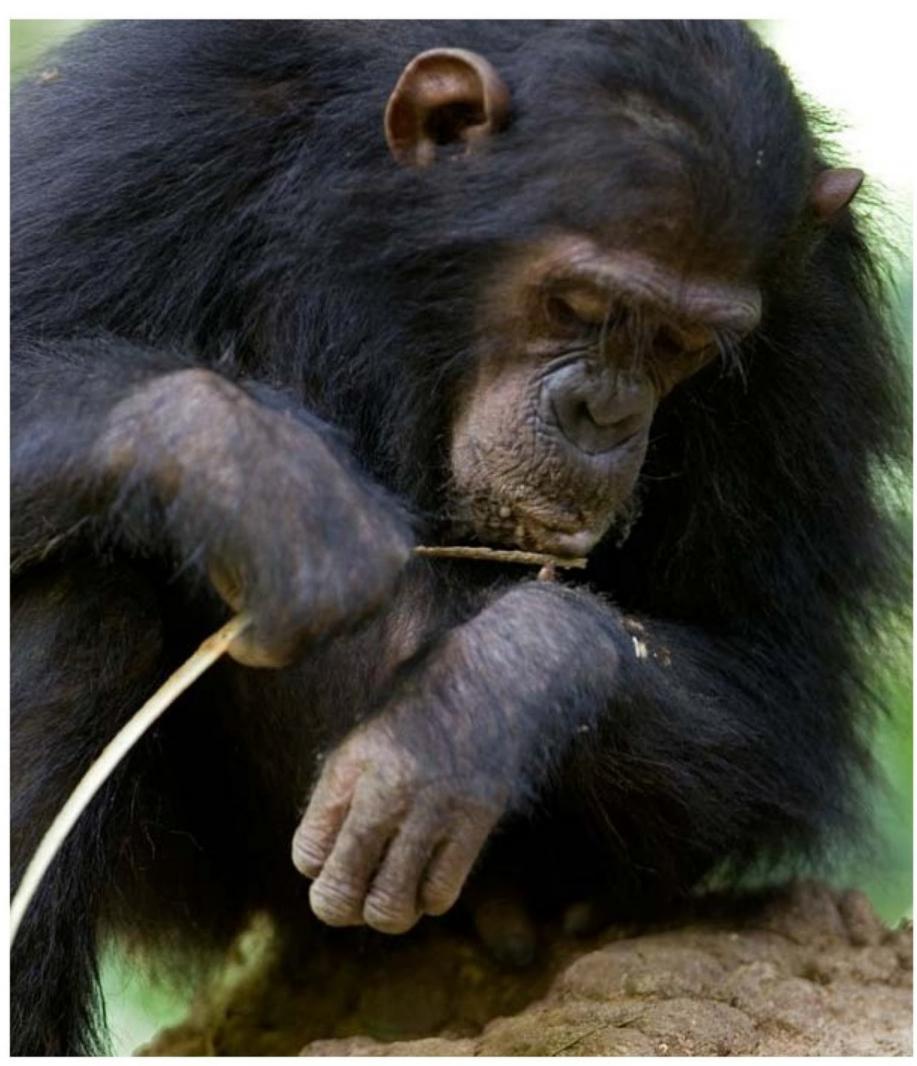
Jane named and watched each chimp in every chimp family. She watched how families behaved together, as well as with other family groups.

Jane wrote notes as she watched the chimps every day.
Her notes upset many scientists.
They had their own beliefs and ideas about how chimps behaved.

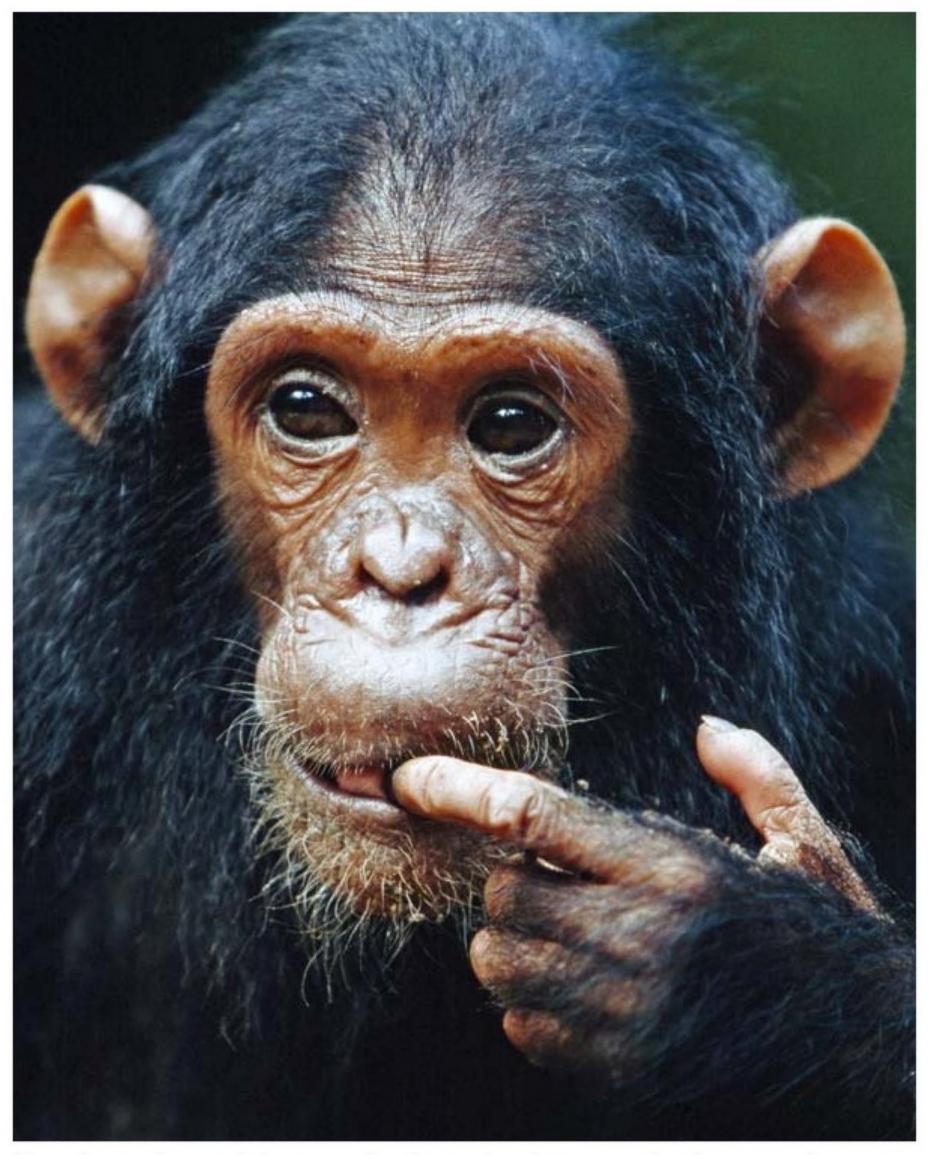
Jane said chimps were smart.

She said they used sticks
as **tools** to dig up bugs to eat.

She also said chimps
showed feelings, as humans do.



A chimp uses a long blade of grass as a spoon to catch and eat termites.



Jane's study said that each chimp had its own feelings and ways of doing things.

Jane saw chimps that were happy, sad, and angry.
She saw that each chimp behaved in its own way, just as humans do.

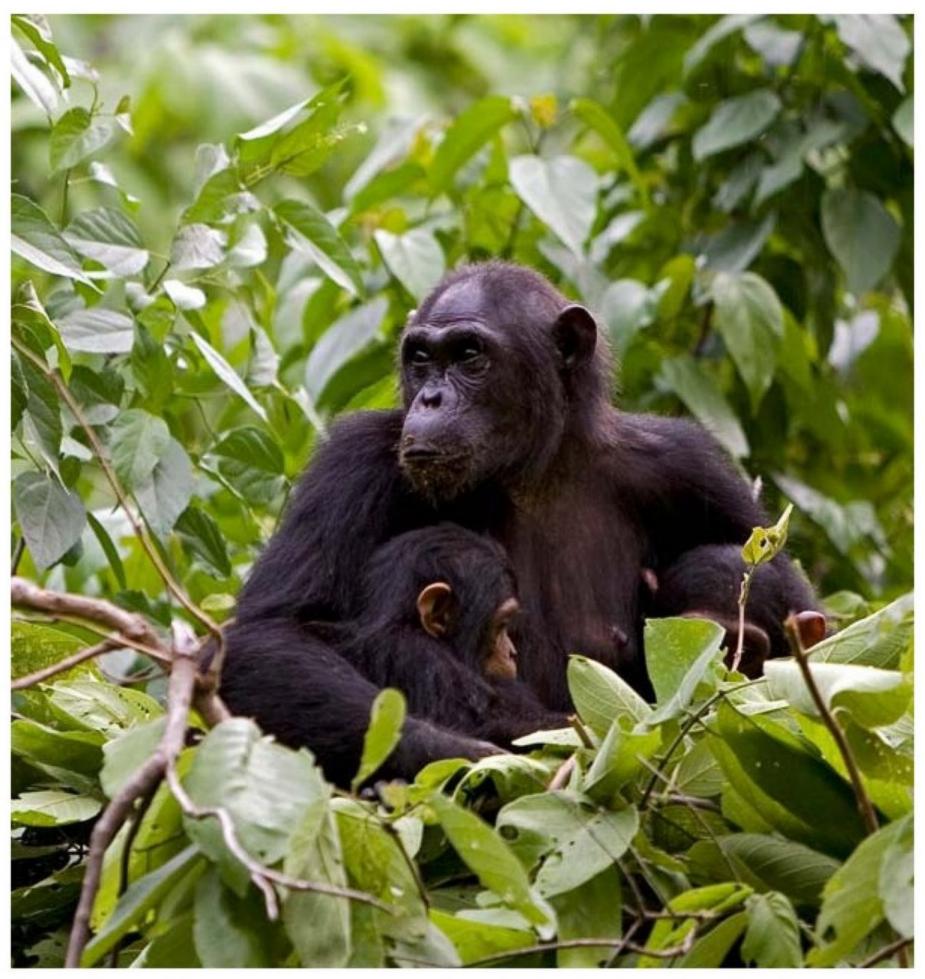
Jane's work made some scientists think again about their old beliefs and ideas about chimps.

They saw that some of their old ideas might be wrong.

Some scientists agreed with Jane.



Jane with her husband and their son. Their pictures and movies of the chimps were seen all over the world.



A mother chimpanzee protects her baby in the Gombe Forest, Tanzania.

Trouble in the Forest

After many years in Gombe, Jane became very worried.

People were cutting down trees in the Gombe Forest.

Hunters were stealing baby chimps.

Jane knew what she had to do.

She talked about her work with
many people all around the world.

She asked them for help to save
the chimps and the forest.



Jane spoke to many important groups about what was happening to the chimps in the Gombe Forest.

Jane Goodall Today

People trusted Jane and helped to support her work in Gombe.
Today, over fifty years later, she still works to protect the forest and the chimpanzees from harm.



Jane Goodall's patient, caring work has uncovered important new information that she has shared with the world.

To learn more, go to: www.rootsandshoots.org and www.janegoodall.org.

Glossary

Africa (n.) the second-largest continent in the world, located south of Europe (p. 4)

behave (v.) to act in a certain way (p. 6)

chimpanzees midsized great apes
(n.) that live in Africa and spend their time on the ground and in trees
(p. 6)

scientist (n.) a person who studies one or more fields of science (p. 5)

study (n.) a careful scientific examination or analysis of something (p. 6)

tools (n.) objects or devices that make a job or task easier (p. 10)

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