

# HOPE FOR CHIMPS

SYDNEY ZOO





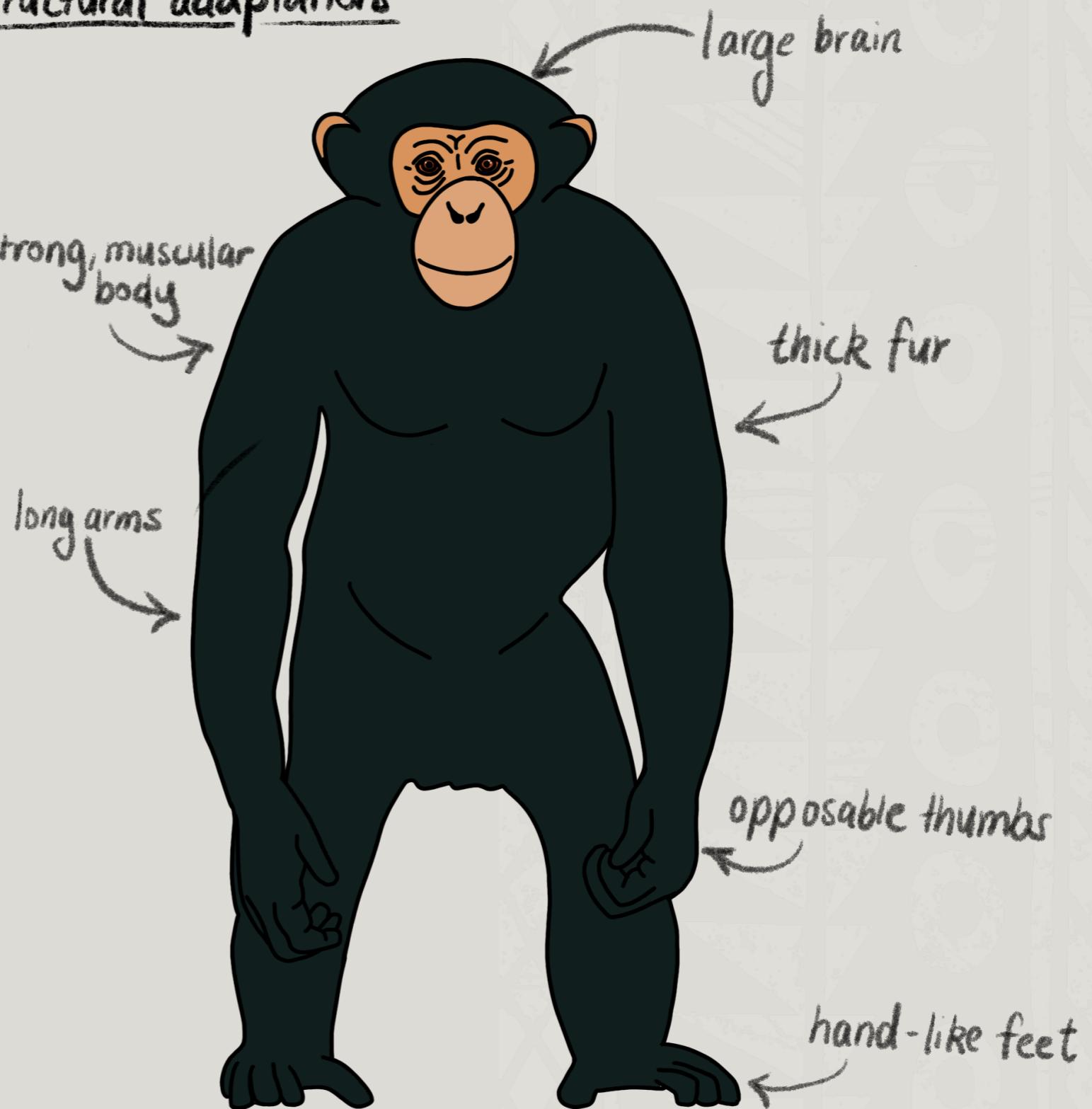
## MEET FLORA

Flora is a young chimpanzee from the forests of Burundi, a country in central Africa. Burundi is home to the Twa, Hutu and Tutsi peoples. Most of the population live in farming communities with no electricity, and only half of the children go to school. The forests provide people with food, timber and medicines but are also home to endangered chimpanzees.

# ADAPTED FOR TREES

Chimpanzees are adapted for life in the forests. They have long arms to climb and swing on branches, opposable thumbs and big toes for strong grip and using tools, and thick fur that protects their body. They also live in social groups, build nests to sleep in, and have a range of vocalisations and gestures for communication.

## Structural adaptations



# GARDENERS OF THE FOREST

Chimpanzees are valuable seed dispersers. After eating fruits, such as mangoes, figs and bananas, they spread seeds through their droppings as they move from place to place. This enables new plant communities to grow which provide food and shelter for wildlife.



# NOWHERE TO GO

Many forests in central Africa have been cleared for farming, housing, timber and mining. Chimpanzees now live in small areas of fragmented forest. As people move closer to these habitats, wildlife poaching and conflict between humans and chimpanzees increases.



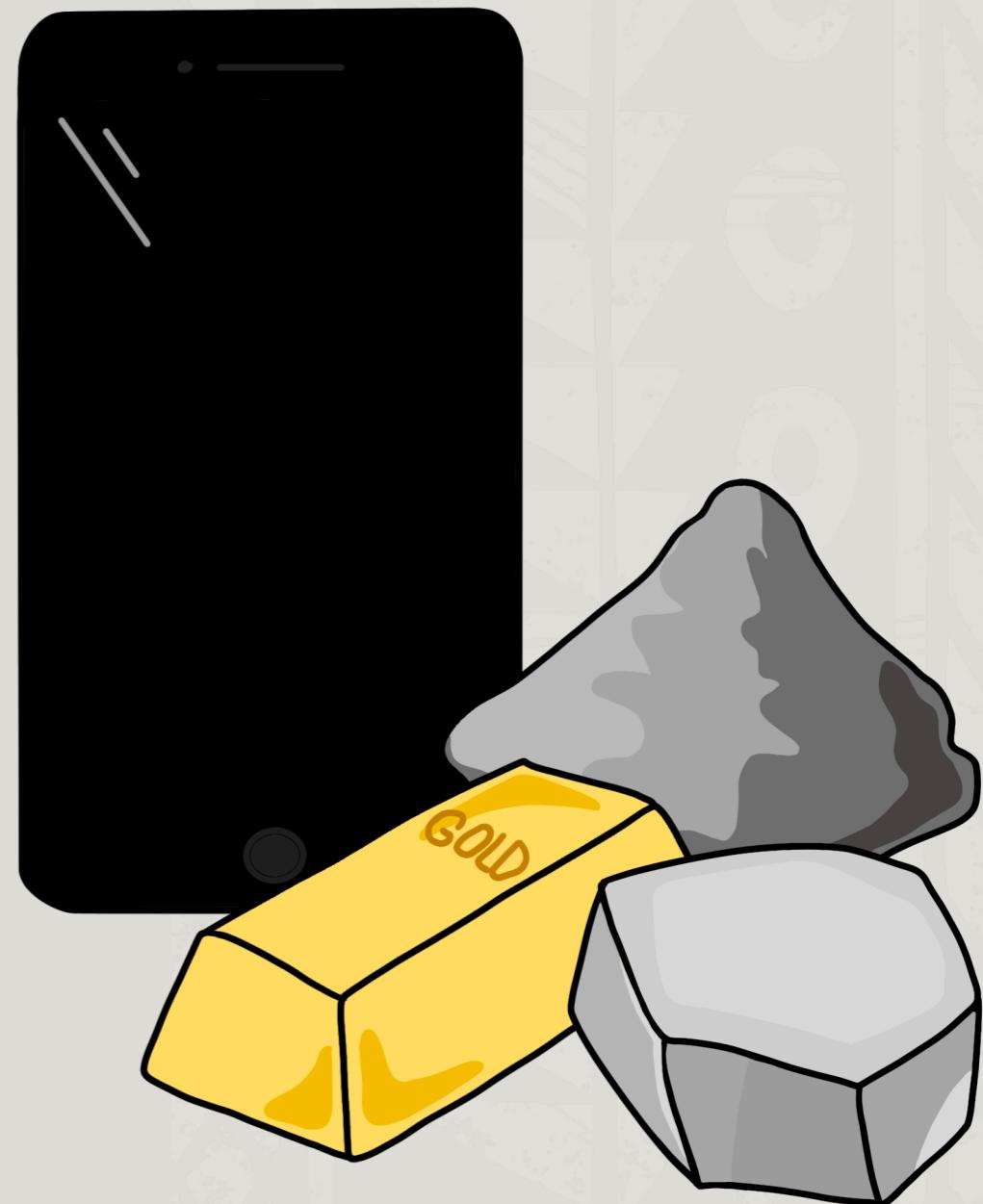
# NOT A PET

Sadly, when Flora was two years old she was taken from her forest home. She was sold to a wealthy businessman who wanted a pet chimpanzee. This is known as the illegal wildlife trade. Today, Flora is safe at a rescue facility but her story is not unique. Wildlife poaching is an ongoing threat to the survival of chimpanzees.



# MINING AND MOBILE PHONES

The illegal wildlife trade, and the bushmeat trade, is closely linked to mining camps. Gold, tin and coltan are mined in critical chimpanzee habitat. These minerals go into making new mobile phones. The people working at these mines often have little money and poor access to food. As a result, they turn to poaching chimpanzees and other wildlife.



# **THEY'RE CALLING ON YOU**

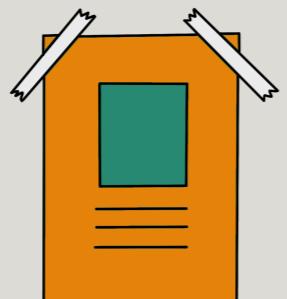
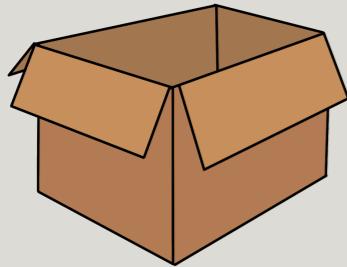
You can help protect chimpanzees. When you recycle old mobile phones you reduce the need for minerals to be mined in chimpanzee habitat and stop phones ending up in landfill. Recycling mobile phones with Sydney Zoo also raises money to care for orphaned chimpanzees in Burundi.



# **WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?**

Sydney Zoo, together with the Jane Goodall Institute, is working hard to raise money to care for Flora and other rescued chimpanzees in Burundi.

Your school can help protect chimpanzees by running a mobile phone recycling drive. Here's what to do:

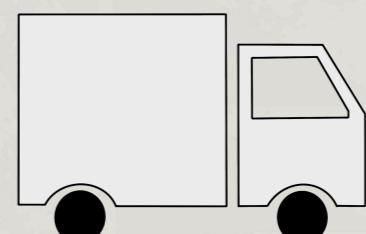


**1. Find a box to place in your classroom.**

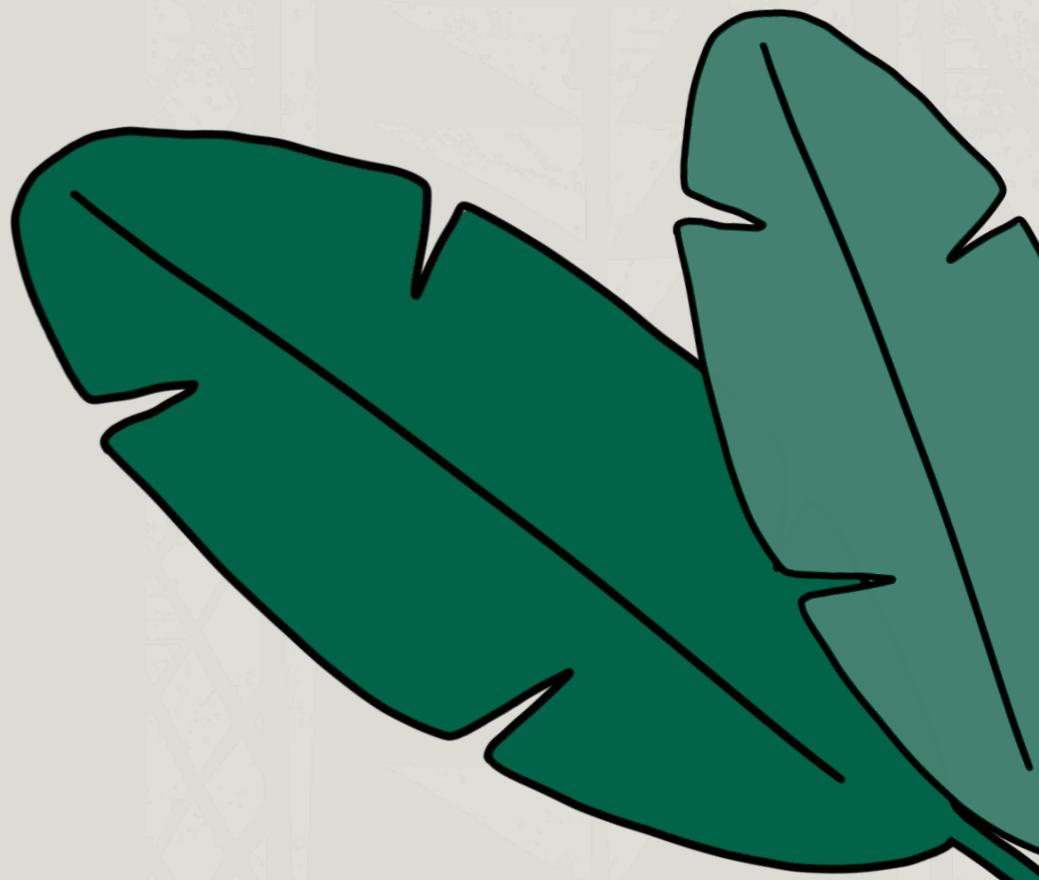
**2. Create a poster to place with your box eg. "recycle your old phone here and help chimpanzees"**



**3. Collect as many phones as you can! Once you have collected at least 10, it's time for pickup.**



**4. Arrange your FREE pick up. Visit MobileMuster to arrange your collection or bring your phones to your next Sydney Zoo visit!**





# HELPING CHIMPANZEES

The money raised through recycling mobile phones with Sydney Zoo help:



provide veterinary support for rescued chimpanzees



cover food costs for rescued chimpanzees



fund wages for animal carers



support local education programs to increase community conservation for wild chimpanzees in Burundi

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