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Pygmy Marmoset: The World's Smallest Monkey



It lives high in the branches of trees in the rainforests of South America. The pygmy marmoset is very hard to see, both because of its size and because of its coloring. Its fur is **darker** on the top and **lighter** on the lower parts of its body. If a bird of prey is looking from above, its dark fur blends with the shadows. A predator hunting from below would look up and see a golden glow of sunlight, that is really pygmy marmoset fur!

How small is the pygmy marmoset?

If you search for pictures of a pygmy marmoset, you will see a lot of pictures of this tiny fellow hanging on to a person's finger! This has led it to be nicknamed the **finger monkey**.

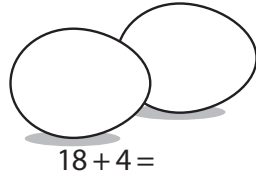
Its body is about 6 inches (15cm) long and its tail adds another 7 to 8 inches (20cm) to its length. It weighs about 3.5 ounces (100g).

Monkey Math

Add up the numbers under each item. If the sum is an even number, that's true. If it's an odd number, that's false.

1. Pygmy marmosets weigh about the same as:

two chicken eggs.



18 + 4 =

2. Pygmy marmosets are about the same length as:

a dollar bill.



14 + 10 =

A Troop of Marmosets

Pygmy marmosets live in family groups, called troops. These usually have about five members, but some have as many as nine. Living in a troop means there are more eyes to spot predators, and everyone helps take care of the little ones. For added safety, the troop spends the night among thick vines or in a tree hole.

I can turn my head 180° to watch for predators behind me!

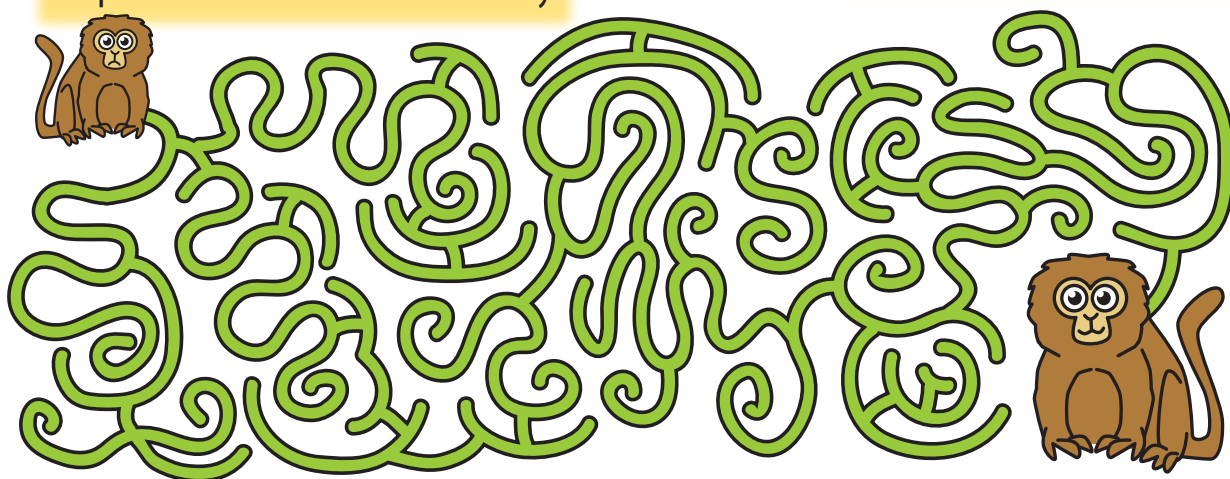


Replace the missing words.

OOZES CHEW TREE BUMP LAP

Pygmy marmosets will _____ a little hole in the bark of a _____ with their sharp lower teeth. They _____ up the sap that _____ up. One marmoset can make up to 1,300 holes in a tree! Bark grows over the hole and a small _____ develops on the tree.

Help this little marmoset find its mommy.



Extra! Extra! Rhyming Pairs

Look through the newspaper for words that rhyme such as "group" and "troop." Can you find five or more rhyming pairs?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

A little bug with that sap?

Sometimes the tiny marmosets lie in wait for insects, especially butterflies, which feed at the sap holes in trees. Then they capture a side order of bug!



Find the two identical butterflies.

Standards Link: Observation: Find the differences between common objects.

Kid Scoop® Word Search

RAINFOREST
MARMOSET
PREDATORS
MONKEY
ROTATE
SAFETY
PYGMY
BLENDS
FINGER
OOZES
LUMPY
VINES
SPOT
TREE
SAP

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

P V M S D N E L B E
R I O A P E E R T H
E N N F R Y Y A T G
D E K E M M T U Y M
A S E T G O O Z E S
T A Y Y R S R S A P
O Y P M U L M O E O
R A I N F O R E S T
S R E G N I F S E T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Marmoset Meals

Look at the advertisements for restaurants in the newspaper. Then make an advertisement for a rainforest tree to attract a troop of marmosets to come and eat.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What do you call an angry monkey?

ANSWER: Furious George!

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