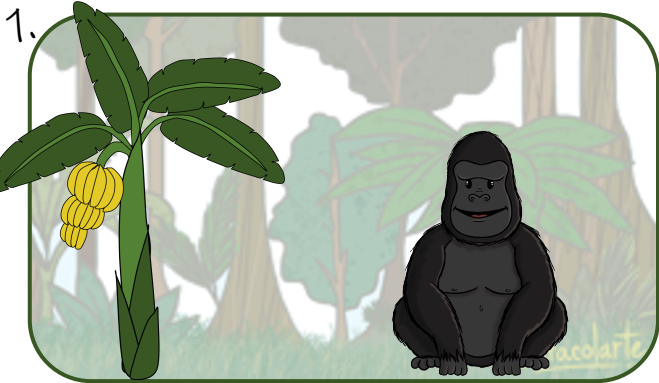


Gardening gorillas

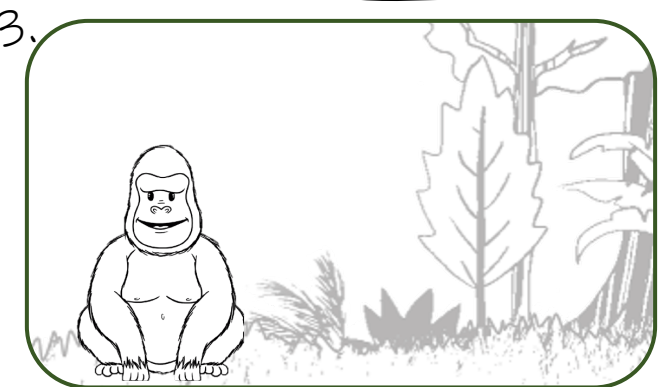
Remember in **Pack 1** when we referred to gorillas as gardeners of the forest? These animals have a significant role in maintaining the rainforest growth, just like how someone keeps your local parks and gardens healthy. You may also hear them referred to as 'Guardians' of the forest, for similar reasons.



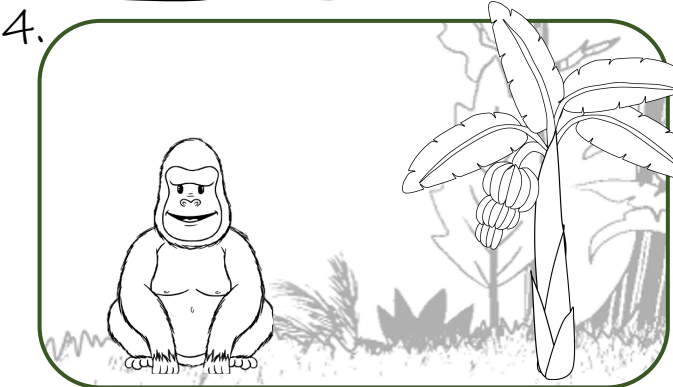
Gorillas eat fruit, including the seeds, as a source of food.



After they have eaten, they carry on roaming, to a new destination in the rainforest.



Later on, the gorillas will pass the seeds in their excrement in a new place in the rainforest.



This gives an opportunity for plants to grow in new places throughout the rainforest.

Here is a storyboard example of how Cross River gorillas help the Lebialem Highlands. Bring it to life by colouring it in.

CHALLENGE: Read the description for each box of the storyboard, explaining another way the Cross River gorillas garden the Lebiale Highlands. Draw a picture to match each scene and colour them in.

TIP: See our tutorial on how to draw a gorilla from **Pack 1**



1.

Gorillas also eat leaves, grasses and bark from trees.

2.

These eating habits make them like animal hedge trimmers! They cut back plant growth.

3.

Cutting back plants means there's more room and soil for new plants.

4.

This gives an opportunity for plants to grow in new places, or old plants to regrow.

Gorillas help the rainforests to grow.