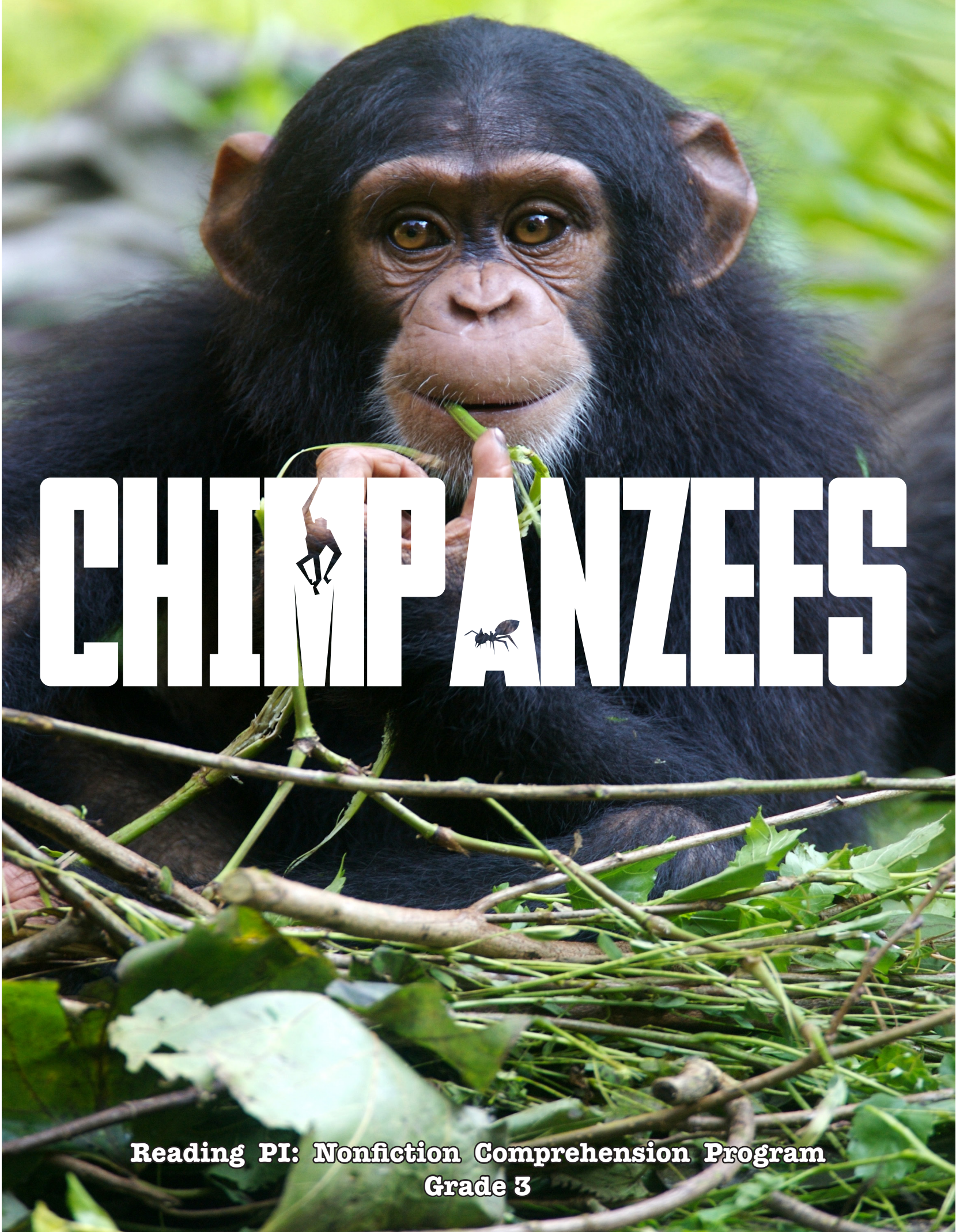




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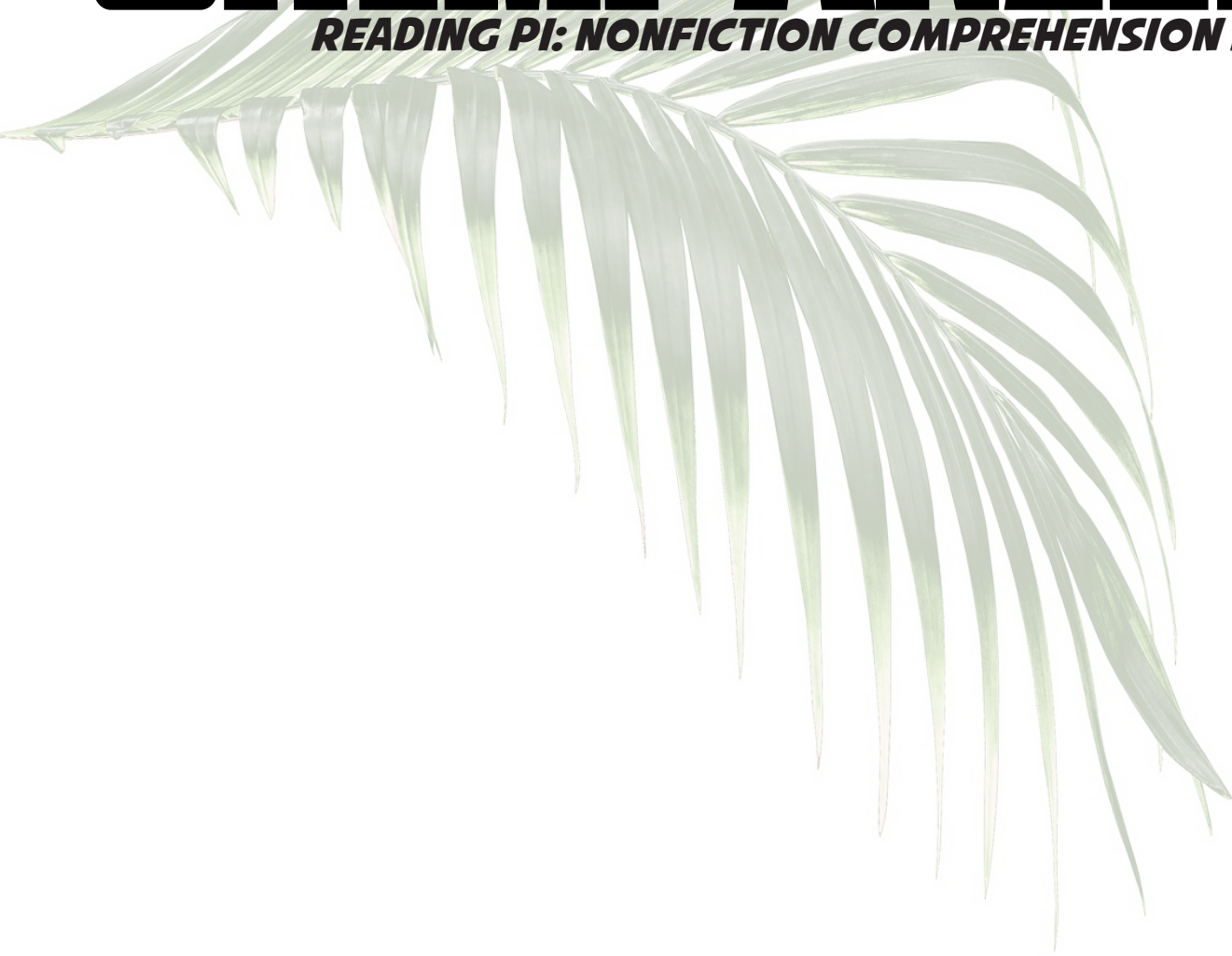
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CHIMPANZEES

Did you think the animal on the cover of this book was a monkey? If so, you're wrong! That's a chimp! Actually, Chimps are more like you than monkeys. That's because chimps and humans are **apes**. Apes are a group of animals who share common traits. All species of Apes are super smart and live in social groups. Also, all apes have hands with 4 fingers and a strong thumb. Unlike monkeys, apes do not have tails. Sound familiar?



Chimpanzees live in social groups and spend lots of time in trees.

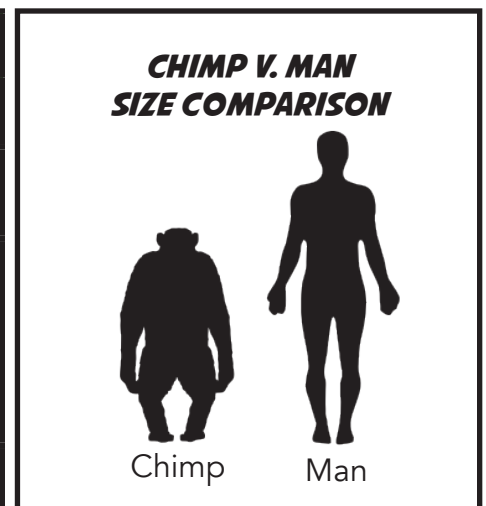
Chimps live in western and central Africa. They can be found in many habitats. Chimp habitats include dry grasslands, wet rainforests, and even mountains. No matter the habitat, chimps spend much of their time in and around trees. Climbing trees keeps chimps safe from **predators**. Each night, chimp family groups nest in a new tree.

Chimps' bodies have special features. Chimps have very long arms. They use their long arms to swing through the trees and to travel on the ground. Chimps are smaller than humans, but much stronger. They need their strong arms for swinging and hanging in trees. Their feet are strong too. Their feet are like hands. Chimps can grab and hold things with their feet!



Check out those feet. This young chimp is holding his hand with his foot!

Chimp Fast Facts		
How long do they live?	45 years	
How big are they?	Weight: 70-130 pounds Height: 4.5-5 feet	
What do they eat?	Mostly eat: • fruit • leaves	Sometimes eat: • eggs • insects • monkeys • small animals
Do they have predators?	Yes: leopards, eagles, & humans	



CHIMPANZEE BEHAVIOR

Chimps are very smart! Scientists once thought that only humans were smart enough to use tools. Scientists were wrong! In 1960, a scientist named Jane Goodall saw chimpanzees making and using tools. She watched a chimp remove the leaves from a stick. Then, the chimp used the stick like a fishing rod to catch and eat bugs.



This chimp uses a stick to catch and eat bugs.

Chimps are also very social. They spend their whole lives in the same family group. Family groups are led by an adult male. Chimps spend time each day **grooming**, or cleaning, their fellow group members. They **communicate**, or share ideas, with one another too. Young chimps are raised by their moms. Like human babies, chimps are helpless until they are at least 3 years old. Mom chimps teach their babies everything they need to know to be part of the family.



A mother chimp with her baby.

Believe it or not, chimps show their feelings! When they get mad, they might yell, stomp their feet, or throw rocks. To show love, chimps hold hands, hug, tickle, and make faces at each other. They even laugh when they play!



These chimps are grooming each other.



Chimps often show their feelings.. How do you think these chimps feel?