

# CAN ANIMALS BE NICE?

Student B

1. Listen to your partner's questions. Find the answers in the text below.

A young chimpanzee watched him curiously as he tried to get something to eat. The chimpanzee climbed the tree, picked the fruit, and gave it to him!

20 An elephant in Kenya hurt his trunk. He needed help because he couldn't put food into his mouth. Researcher Kayhan Ostovar watched silently. He saw the hurt elephant show his sore trunk to a healthy elephant. The healthy elephant didn't need any more information. He took a bush and put it carefully into his new friend's  
25 mouth.

Hippos and crocodiles are usually good friends. They hang out together in rivers. But Karen Paoilillo, a wildlife expert in Zimbabwe, saw something surprising. One day, a crocodile tried to eat a monkey that was next to a river. A hippo ran quickly to the crocodile and  
30 chased it away. Why did the hippo attack the crocodile? Paoilillo says hippos sometimes protect other animals from crocodiles.

2. Ask your partner these questions:

What kind of animals are mentioned that follow rules?

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Where is Marc Bekoff a researcher?

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What happened when the female fox walked away from the male?

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Where does Geza Teleki study chimpanzees?

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Student A

1. Listen to your partner's questions. Find the answers in the text below.

We know people can be nice, but what about animals?

Scientists say that some animals are capable of being nice. Animals that live in groups—like foxes, chimpanzees, and elephants—follow rules. They have to follow rules to get along and to survive. However, 5 animals can act nicely, even when they don't have to. Here are some surprising stories about animal behavior.

Most people usually walk away when someone is unkind to them. Marc Bekoff, a researcher at the University of Colorado, saw a female red fox do just that. The female fox was unhappy because a male fox 10 played roughly with her. When she walked away, the male fox showed her that he wanted to play nicely. He lowered his head and rolled on his back. The female fox gave him another chance, and this time, he played more gently.

Geza Teleki is a scientist who studies chimpanzees in Tanzania. 15 One day, Teleki hiked far away from his campsite. He didn't have any food. Teleki wanted some fruit from a tree, but the tree was too tall.

2. Ask your partner these questions:

How did a young chimpanzee help Geza Teleki?

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Why did the elephant in Kenya need help?

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Where does Karen Paolillo live?

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What kind of animal did the hippo save from a crocodile?

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