

HOW CAPUCHIN MONKEYS EAT



In the hardest times there's still a rich source of food for Brazil's Capuchin monkeys: palm nuts.

One problem, you have to break through the tough outer shell. Young monkeys know the principles, but haven't quite mastered the

technique.

Frustration sets in and leads to a painful mistake! Young monkeys learn from their mistakes and watch the older males at work.

First lesson: test the rock to see if it's strong enough for the job. Not this one!

Capuchins can walk upright, and that's important! It frees up the hands to carry the stones. Some rocks weigh more than 1/4th of the Capuchin's body weight. It may take more than 10 attempts to crack the nut.

Success is not only a matter of intelligence. The larger the monkey, the heavier the stone it can lift, so older males have a real advantage. Success at last!



What type of monkeys are mentioned?

What country do they live in?

What do they eat?

Why are they difficult to eat?

How do they eat the food?

Why is it useful to walk upright?

How much can the stones weigh?

Which group of monkeys can lift the heaviest stones?
