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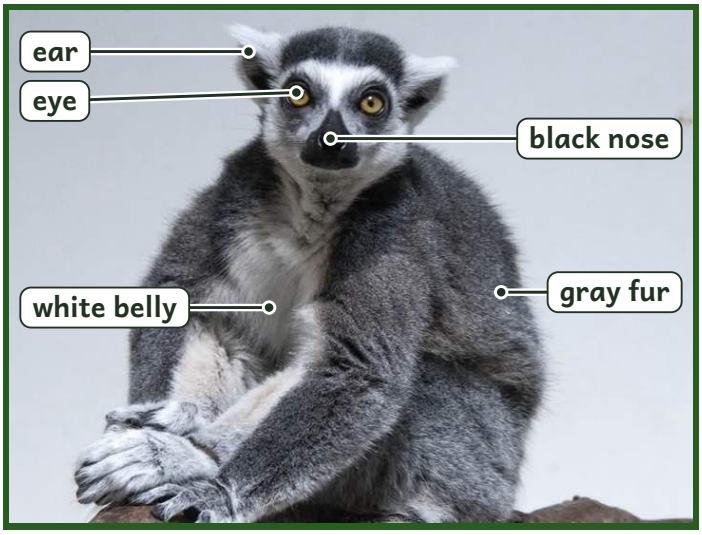
RING-TAILED LEMUR

Lemur catta

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A ring-tailed lemur at our zoo.

Its body

It has a black and white tail.
It holds its tail up like a flag.
Then its group can see it.

Its home (habitat)

It lives on an island,
Madagascar.
It lives in forests.
This kind is **endangered**.
Cat, Jessica and Phil live at our zoo.



■ Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats fruit and leaves.
It eats flowers and bark too.

Its babies (life cycle)

A mother usually has 1 baby.
The baby holds on to her belly.
Then it rides on her back!

Fun facts

A group is called a **troop**.
Females lead the troop.
Lemurs sit with their bellies to the sun.

Words to know

endangered: at risk, so it needs help
troop: a group of lemurs

Talk about it

1. Why does a lemur hold its tail up high?
2. Who leads a troop?
3. How does a baby ride along with its mother?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/ringtail-lemur/ · **Sources:** Duke Lemur Center; Primate Info Net; Animal Diversity Web; IUCN Red List.
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. Females lead the troop. **YES** **NO**
2. Its tail has green stripes. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby rides on its mother's back. **YES** **NO**
4. A lemur eats only meat. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ ringed tail
- ☐ big eyes
- ☐ black nose
- ☐ gray fur
- ☐ ears
- ☐ hands

What is it doing? Circle one.

walking eating sunning

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a lemur with its ringed tail held high.

Draw here

A lemur has a _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular ring-tailed lemur sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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