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## Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...

*Long version of English lesson plan = 1 or 2 x 90 mins*

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## THE ARTICLE

### **Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...**

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The Frenchman broadcasts on the radio station to help educate young people in the region about ape conservation. As a result he receives a significant number of tip-offs about gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being illegally held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is now the most listened to in Borneo! Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into the term 'funky gibbon'!

The radio broadcasts are only a part of his work. Even more fascinating is the Frenchman runs a dating agency – for gibbons! The idea here is to get a male and female together and get them to mate. Brule and his team rescue these apes, caring for them at the sanctuary. But that is only the start of the work. Rehabilitated gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild, as they will be attacked by other pairs defending their territory. So Brule attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, by match-making rescued apes.

Brule: "You can't put one male and one female in one cage and know for sure it will be a good pair. In particular one gibbon tends to dominate within each pair, and the dominant partner can be either

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male or female.” He adds, “If both gibbons don’t want to be dominated they will fight until one dies.” So Brule attempts partnerships between a more dominant and less dominant character. These pairs are then released into the forest together.

The Frenchman fell in love with gibbons after seeing them in a zoo as a child. He studied apes from a young age, producing a guide to their captive care aged 13. The guide, which is still used today, won him some funding to look at gibbons in the wild. He later received donations from famous film stars like Brigitte Bardot, which he used to set up the sanctuary in Borneo called Kalimantan. Today the sanctuary is mostly populated by gibbons (*Kalaweit* in the local language) with cute baby gibbons raised there.

Gibbons are among the most endangered of all apes, living in tropical and sub-tropical forest in and around China and India, including the islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Java. They belong to the lesser family of apes, and are tree dwelling. The great apes include gorillas, chimps and orang-utans. Brule: “Gibbons, the elusive singing apes of Southeast Asia. At dawn, their magical love songs herald the start of each new day. Now, in Borneo, their songs are falling silent as their forest home is destroyed.”

The apes are threatened by the loss of their natural habitat caused by deforestation. Vast areas have been cleared to make way for palm oil plantations. The biodiversity of the area is under serious threat, with 6m hectares being lost. By 2015 this area will double. Many gibbons have also disappeared because of poaching, with the animals being stolen for the pet trade. Wild gibbons are the fastest and most agile of all the apes swinging distances of up to 15m between branches and travelling at speeds of 56km/h.

Radio Gibbon first broadcast on the BBC: <http://www.mikebirkhead.com/RadioGibbon.htm>

Kalaweit radio: <http://www.kalaweitfm.com/web/news.php>

The Borneo project: [http://www.kalaweit.org/borneo\\_eng.php](http://www.kalaweit.org/borneo_eng.php)

Radio Gibbon stills: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cockroach/4096127837/>

Chanee’s blog: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cockroach/4096127837/>

## LET'S START

**1. Borneo:** Where is Borneo? (Look on Google maps!) What countries are on the island of Borneo? Think of 3 things you know about Borneo. Go round the room swapping details.

**2. Dictation:** The teacher will read 4 to 6 lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page 2 - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than 5 is very good. 10 is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than 20 - we need to do some work!

**3. Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

**4. Vocabulary:** Students now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

**5. The article:** Students look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?  
(**Look on Google maps to locate the gibbon sanctuary**)
- c) Would you like to visit Borneo?

**6. Let's write! An e-mail:** Write and send an e-mail to your teacher about **a visit to Borneo**. (Imagine!) Your e-mail can be read out in class.

**7. Let's tell a story!** Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile your own story about **the Gibbon sanctuary, Borneo**. (Imagine!) Add 2 words of your own. Tell your story to your partner. (*Maybe tick off your words as you tell it*)

1	Chanee Brule	11	Southeast Asia
2	cute baby gibbons	12	DJ
3	palm oil plantations	13	the great apes
4	Borneo	14	Radio Gibbon
5	rescued apes	15	hammock
6	the news headlines	16	gibbon sanctuary
7	jungle	17	deforestation
8	Good morning	18	wild gibbons
9	dating agency	19	Frenchman
10	poaching	20	forests
Your choice 1 _____		Your choice 2 _____	

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

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**8. Let's do 'The Article Quiz':** Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score 1 point for each correct answer, and ½ point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

**Student A**

- 1) Name the Frenchman.
- 2) What is under serious threat?
- 3) Where in the world will you find gibbons?
- 4) Describe how wild gibbons live.
- 5) What happens at dawn?
- 6) Where is the sanctuary?

**Student B**

- 1) Name the famous film star.
- 2) What does the Frenchman run?
- 3) How does the Frenchman match a male and female pair of gibbons?
- 4) Sum up the Frenchman's fascination with gibbons.
- 5) The great apes include?
- 6) What does the radio station do?

**9. Let's chat!** In pairs. One of you rings your fellow student who is in another country on your mobile or on Skype! Chat about the gibbon animal sanctuary in Borneo and why you are interested in it? Momentarily there is a bad line. *5-minutes*.

**10. Let's debate:** In pairs. Students A think growing palm oil in Borneo is ok. Students B think otherwise. Explain why.

**11. Let's think!** Swap partners. With your new partner on the board write as many words to do with **Borneo** as you can. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

**12. Let's compile! Sentences:** Choose six/nine of the words from No 11. Write two/three sentences using two/three words in each. Underline your chosen words. The teacher will if necessary correct your work. Students might be asked to read their sentences aloud.

**13. Let's think!** Think of 5 reasons to visit Borneo. Then add 5 things you might do there. Write them below. Explain to your partner why you chose these?

<b>5 reasons to visit Borneo</b>	<b>5 things to do in Borneo</b>
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

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**14. Sentence starters:** Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) I love Borneo \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Borneo \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Radio Gibbon \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Gibbons \_\_\_\_\_
- e) The sanctuary \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Let's unscramble:** Try to unscramble the following sentences:

- 1) Hammock are fast your you asleep in
- 2) Gibbons helps job his lives of save the
- 3) Work only broadcasts part are a the his radio of
- 4) Be wild alone cannot to returned rehabilitated the gibbons
- 5) Herald their dawn day magical songs start love the of a new at

**(answers are on page 16)**

**16. Let's talk! Radio Gibbon:** *In pairs/groups/as a class.* Imagine you are in the Radio Gibbon studio. One of you is the Frenchman Chaneé Brulé. The other student is a visiting journalist wishing to find out more about the work the Frenchman does at the sanctuary in the jungles of Borneo. *5-minutes.*

**17. Presentation:** In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a 2 minute presentation on ***the gibbon sanctuary in Borneo***. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the strong and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

**18. Pros and cons of deforestation in Borneo:** In pairs think of 3 pros and 3 cons of deforestation in Borneo.

Advantages		Disadvantages	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	

**The teacher** will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

**19. Let's think!** In a group in a circle. A quick fire session. The teacher asks the class, **"I love Borneo because..."**

## AFTER READING / LISTENING

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** After reading the article guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Radio Gibbon is in Malaysia                                      | T / F |
| b. Radio Gibbon's top DJ is The Funky Gibbon                        | T / F |
| c. Chanee Brule is a conservative                                   | T / F |
| d. Chanee Brule is a Luxembourger                                   | T / F |
| e. Chanee Brule has set up a dating agency - for gibbons!           | T / F |
| f. The biodiversity in Borneo is under threat                       | T / F |
| g. Wild gibbons are the most agile of all the apes                  | T / F |
| h. Gibbon songs at dawn in the jungle are in danger of disappearing | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| a. cute            | enclosure        |
| b. Forest          | shelter          |
| c. conservationist | rapid            |
| d. special         | hunt illegally   |
| e. sanctuary       | area             |
| f. conservation    | jungle           |
| g. cage            | different        |
| h. poach           | delightful       |
| i. agile           | safeguarding     |
| j. territory       | environmentalist |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a. You are fast asleep in your hammock          | agency – for gibbons!                  |
| b. suddenly your                                | have been rescued                      |
| c. The DJ yells, "Good morning Borneo!          | about gibbons that have been abandoned |
| d. Another 3 gibbons                            | re-introduces them to the forests      |
| e. He is actually a conservationist             | at the sanctuary                       |
| f. His job helps save the lives of gibbons and  | in Borneo!                             |
| g. he receives a significant number of tip-offs | This is Radio Gibbon calling...        |
| h. the station is now the most listened to      | radio alarm clock rings                |
| i. the Frenchman runs a dating                  | who runs the gibbon sanctuary.         |
| j. Brule attempts to pair up gibbons            | in the tall green dense jungle         |

## GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

### Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...

You are fast asleep in your \_\_\_\_\_ in the thick \_\_\_\_\_ jungle when suddenly your radio alarm clock rings: The \_\_\_\_\_ yells, "Good morning Borneo! This is Radio \_\_\_\_\_ calling...The news headlines. Another 3 gibbons have been rescued..." Believe it or not this radio station in Indonesia actually exists! Playing vibrant pop music Radio Kalaweit (its official name) broadcasts from a gibbon \_\_\_\_\_ deep in the Borneo \_\_\_\_\_ in Kalimantan Tengah. Locally it is known as *Radio Gibbon* largely thanks to a Frenchman. Chanee Brule, 29, broadcasts part-time as a DJ on the radio station. His job is rather special. He is actually a \_\_\_\_\_ who runs the gibbon sanctuary. His job helps save the lives of gibbons and re-introduces them to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Southeast Asia.

*sanctuary*

*DJ*

*jungle*

*conservationist*

*forests*

*hammock*

*dense*

*Gibbon*

The Frenchman broadcasts on the radio station to help educate young people in the region about \_\_\_\_\_ conservation. As a result he receives a \_\_\_\_\_ number of \_\_\_\_\_ about gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being \_\_\_\_\_ held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is now the most listened to in \_\_\_\_\_! Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into the term 'funky gibbon'! The radio broadcasts are only a part of his work. Even more fascinating is the Frenchman runs a dating agency – for gibbons! The idea here is to get a male and female together and get them to mate. Brule and his \_\_\_\_\_ rescue these apes, caring for them at the sanctuary. But that is only the start of the work. \_\_\_\_\_ gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild, as they will be attacked by other pairs defending their \_\_\_\_\_. So Brule attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, by match-making rescued apes.

*territory*

*ape*

*Borneo*

*team*

*Tip-offs*

*significant*

*illegally*

*rehabilitated*

## GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

### Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...

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The Frenchman broadcasts \_\_\_\_\_ to help educate young people in the region about ape conservation. As a result he receives a significant number \_\_\_\_\_ gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being illegally held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! \_\_\_\_\_ Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is now \_\_\_\_\_ in Borneo! Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into the term 'funky gibbon'!

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## **DISCUSSION**

### STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. What do you think of deforestation?
- c. Have you ever been in a jungle?
- d. Have you ever seen a gibbon face to face? If yes, where?
- e. Should the world be doing more to save endangered species?
- f. What would you do to save gibbons from extinction?
- g. What 3 things do you know now about gibbons?
- h. Have you or will you be listening to Radio Gibbon?
- i. Demonstrate what a gibbon sounds like!
- j. Do you think the radio station in Borneo is doing a good job saving the gibbon?



### STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. What do you think about what you read?
- b. Would you like to visit the gibbon sanctuary in Borneo?
- c. What do you think of the massive expansion of growing palm oil?
- d. Name 3 products with palm oil in them.
- e. What do you think of what the Frenchman is doing?
- f. Have you ever visited Indonesia?
- g. What other animal species would you like saved?
- h. Are you a conservationist?
- i. Does this lesson make want you to save the gibbon?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

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## Let's brainstorm!

### Saving the forests of Borneo

*Allow 10-20 minutes*

#### Small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

Brainstorm some ideas about **saving the forests of Borneo**. Choose a spokesperson who can present your ideas to the class at the end of your preparation. Present it visually or use the board etc... Try to be imaginative! *10-20 minutes*.

	Your ideas
1) Action plan – 3 things at the top of your 'to do' list	
2) What message you would say on the radio including Radio Gibbon	
3) How you would help save the biodiversity of Borneo?	
4) Identify animals under threat in Borneo	
5) Palm oil protest you will make. To who? Who is to blame?	
6) How you will help save the gibbons of Borneo	
7) 3 main 'aims' in saving the forests of Borneo	

**The teacher can moderate the session.**

## PUT THE ARTICLE BACK TOGETHER

### Put the article back together

- ( ) about ape conservation. As a result he receives a significant number of tip-offs about gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being illegally held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts
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- ( ) attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, by match-making rescued apes.
- ( ) Kalimantan Tengah. Locally it is known as *Radio Gibbon* largely thanks to a Frenchman. Chanee Brule, 29, broadcasts part-time as a DJ on the radio station. His job is rather special. He is actually a conservationist who runs
- ( ) been rescued...” Believe it or not this radio station in Indonesia actually exists! Playing vibrant pop music Radio Kalaweit (its official name) broadcasts from a gibbon sanctuary deep in the Borneo jungle in
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- ( ) work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is now the most listened to in Borneo! Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into the term ‘funky gibbon’! The radio
- ( ) these apes, caring for them at the sanctuary. But that is only the start of the work. Rehabilitated gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild, as they will be attacked by other pairs defending their territory. So Brule

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**LANGUAGE:** Choose the correct words from a–d below and write them in the article.

You are fast asleep in your hammock in the tall green dense jungle when suddenly your (1)\_\_\_ clock rings: The (2)\_\_\_ yells, “Good (3)\_\_\_ morning Borneo! This is Radio (4)\_\_\_ calling...The news headlines. Another 3 gibbons have been rescued...” Believe it or not this radio station in Indonesia actually exists! Playing vibrant pop music Radio Kalaweit (its official name) broadcasts from a gibbon sanctuary deep in the Borneo jungle in Kalimantan Tengah. Locally it is known as *Radio Gibbon* largely thanks to a (5)\_\_\_ Chanee Brule, 29, broadcasts part-time as a DJ on the radio station. His job is rather special. He is actually a conservationist who runs the gibbon sanctuary. His job helps save the lives of gibbons and re-introduces them to the forests of Southeast Asia.

The Frenchman broadcasts on the radio station to help educate young people in the region about ape conservation. As a result he receives a significant number of (6)\_\_\_ offs about gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being illegally held as (7)\_\_\_. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is now the most listened to in Borneo! Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into the term ‘funky gibbon’!

The radio broadcasts are only a part of his work. Even more fascinating is the Frenchman runs a (8)\_\_\_ agency – for gibbons! The idea here is to get a male and female together and get them to (9)\_\_\_. Brule and his team rescue these (10)\_\_\_, caring for them at the sanctuary. But that is only the start of the (11)\_\_\_. Rehabilitated gibbons cannot be returned alone to the (12)\_\_\_, as they will be attacked by other pairs defending their territory. So Brule attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, by match-making rescued apes.

1.	(a)	mobile	(b)	radio alarm	(c)	grandfather	(d)	ticking
2.	(a)	nurse	(b)	policeman	(c)	DJ	(d)	soldier
3.	(a)	evening	(b)	morning	(c)	afternoon	(d)	day
4.	(a)	ape	(b)	chimp	(c)	gibbon	(d)	gorilla
5.	(a)	Englishman	(b)	Frenchman	(c)	German	(d)	Indonesian
6.	(a)	trip	(b)	rip	(c)	tip	(d)	nip
7.	(a)	pets	(b)	bets	(c)	nets	(d)	sets
8.	(a)	marriage	(b)	palm oil	(c)	logging	(d)	dating
9.	(a)	mate	(b)	date	(c)	bate	(d)	create
10.	(a)	apes	(b)	snakes	(c)	birds	(d)	gorillas
11.	(a)	working	(b)	worked	(c)	perk	(d)	work
12.	(a)	while	(b)	child	(c)	wilds	(d)	wild

## GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

### Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...

(1)\_\_\_ are fast asleep in your hammock in the tall green dense jungle (2)\_\_\_ suddenly (3)\_\_\_ radio alarm clock rings: The DJ yells, "Good morning Borneo! (4)\_\_\_ is Radio Gibbon calling...The news headlines. (5)\_\_\_ 3 gibbons have been rescued..." Believe it or not this radio station in Indonesia actually exists! Playing vibrant pop music Radio Kalaweit (its official name) broadcasts (6)\_\_\_ a gibbon sanctuary deep in the Borneo jungle in Kalimantan Tengah. Locally it is known as *Radio Gibbon* largely thanks to a Frenchman. Chanee Brule, 29, broadcasts part-time as a DJ on the radio station. His job is rather special. He is actually a conservationist who runs the gibbon sanctuary. His job helps save the lives of gibbons and re-introduces (7)\_\_\_ to the forests of Southeast Asia.

**this**  
**your**  
**from**  
**them**  
**another**  
**you**  
**when**

The Frenchman broadcasts on the radio station to help educate young people in the region about ape conservation. As a result he receives a significant number of tip-offs about gibbons (1)\_\_\_ have been abandoned by their owners or are being illegally held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes (2)\_\_\_ their discovery. The result is the station is now the (3)\_\_\_ listened to in Borneo! Certainly all (4)\_\_\_ does put a whole new meaning (5)\_\_\_ the term 'funky gibbon'!

**most**  
**that**  
**even**  
**after**  
**into**

The radio broadcasts are only a part of his work. (6)\_\_\_ more fascinating is the Frenchman runs a dating agency – for gibbons! The idea here is to get a male and female together and get them to mate. Brule and his team rescue these apes, caring for them at the sanctuary. But that is only the start of the work. Rehabilitated gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild, as (7)\_\_\_ will be attacked by other pairs defending (8)\_\_\_ territory. So Brule attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, by match-making rescued apes.

**this**  
**their**  
**they**

## GRAMMAR 2: EASY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

### Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...

You are fast asleep in your hammock in the tall green dense jungle when suddenly your radio alarm clock rings: The DJ yells, "Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon calling...The news headlines. Another 3 gibbons have been rescued..." Believe it (!)\_\_\_ not the radio station in Indonesia actually exists! Playing vibrant pop music Radio Kalaweit (its official name) broadcasts from (2)\_\_\_ gibbon sanctuary deep in (3)\_\_\_ Borneo jungle in Kalimantan Tengah. Locally (4)\_\_\_ is known as *Radio Gibbon* largely thanks to a Frenchman. Chanee Brule, 29, broadcasts part-time as a DJ on the radio station. (5)\_\_\_ job is rather special. He is actually a conservationist who runs the gibbon sanctuary. His job helps save the lives of gibbons (6)\_\_\_ re-introduces them to the forests (7)\_\_\_ Southeast Asia.

**of**  
**or**  
**it**  
**and**  
**a**  
**his**  
**the**

The Frenchman broadcasts on the radio station to help educate young people in the region about ape conservation. As a result (1)\_\_\_ receives a significant number of tip-offs about gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being illegally held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is (2)\_\_\_ the most listened to in Borneo! Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into (3)\_\_\_ term 'funky gibbon'!

**for**  
**he**  
**now**  
**so**  
**the**

The radio broadcasts are only a part of (4)\_\_\_ work. Even more fascinating is the Frenchman runs a dating agency – (5)\_\_\_ gibbons! The idea here is to get a male and female together and get them to mate. Brule and his team rescue these apes, caring for them at the sanctuary. (6)\_\_\_ that is only the start of the work. Rehabilitated gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild, as they will be attacked by other pairs defending their territory. (7)\_\_\_ Brule attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, (8)\_\_\_ match-making rescued apes.

**but**  
**his**  
**by**

## SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	hammock	11	dominant
2	character	12	partnerships
3	agile	13	particular
4	endangered	14	unconventional
5	dwelling	15	discovery
6	deforestation	16	sanctuary
7	poaching	17	conservationist
8	habitat	18	gibbon
9	travelling	19	rehabilitated
10	elusive	20	territory

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## HOMEWORK

**Newspaper article:** Write an article between 200 and 500 words on **Radio Gibbon**. Read your article to your classmates and discuss them in the next lesson.

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## WRITING: In class:

**Five-minute article:** Write an article on **Radio Gibbon**. You have five minutes. The teacher will select some students to read out their work.

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## ANSWERS – 2 – UNSCRAMBLED

- 6) You are fast asleep in your hammock
- 7) His job helps save the lives of gibbons
- 8) The radio broadcasts are only a part of his work
- 9) Rehabilitated gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild
- 10) At dawn their magical love songs herald the start of a new day

## ANSWERS - 1

### TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F      b. F      c. F      d. F      e. T      f. T      g. T      h. T

### SYNONYM MATCH:

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|--------------------|------------------|
| a. cute            | delightful       |
| b. forest          | jungle           |
| c. conservationist | environmentalist |
| d. special         | different        |
| e. sanctuary       | shelter          |
| f. conservation    | safeguarding     |
| g. cage            | enclosure        |
| h. poach           | hunt illegally   |
| i. agile           | rapid            |
| j. territory       | area             |

### PHRASE MATCH:

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| a. You are fast asleep in your hammock          | in the tall green dense jungle         |
| b. suddenly your                                | radio alarm clock rings                |
| c. The DJ yells, "Good morning Borneo!          | This is Radio Gibbon calling..         |
| d. Another 3 gibbons                            | have been rescued                      |
| e. He is actually a conservationist             | who runs the gibbon sanctuary.         |
| f. His job helps save the lives of gibbons and  | re-introduces them to the forests      |
| g. he receives a significant number of tip-offs | about gibbons that have been abandoned |
| h. the station is now the most listened to      | in Borneo!                             |
| i. the Frenchman runs a dating                  | agency – for gibbons!                  |
| j. Brule attempts to pair up gibbons            | at the sanctuary                       |

**GAP FILL: Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon...**You are fast asleep in your **hammock** in the tall green dense jungle when suddenly your radio alarm clock rings: The DJ yells, "Good morning Borneo! This is Radio **Gibbon** calling..The news headlines. Another 3 gibbons have been rescued..." Believe it or not this radio station in Indonesia actually exists! Playing vibrant pop music Radio Kalaweit (its official name) broadcasts from a gibbon **sanctuary** deep in the Borneo **jungle** in Kalimantan Tengah. Locally it is known as *Radio Gibbon* largely thanks to a Frenchman. Chanee Brule, 29, broadcasts part-time as a DJ on the radio station. His job is rather special. He is actually a **conservationist** who runs the gibbon sanctuary. His job helps save the lives of gibbons and re-introduces them to the **forests** of Southeast Asia.

The Frenchman broadcasts on the radio station to help educate young people in the region about **ape** conservation. As a result he receives a **significant** number of **tip-offs** about gibbons that have been abandoned by their owners or are being **illegally** held as pets. It is all rather unconventional yet his broadcasts work! Some have even been rescued 30 minutes after their discovery. The result is the station is now the most listened to in **Borneo!** Certainly all this does put a whole new meaning into the term 'funky gibbon'!

The radio broadcasts are only a part of his work. Even more fascinating is the Frenchman runs a dating agency – for gibbons! The idea here is to get a male and female together and get them to mate. Brule and his **team** rescue these apes, caring for them at the sanctuary. But that is only the start of the work. **Rehabilitated** gibbons cannot be returned alone to the wild, as they will be attacked by other pairs defending their **territory**. So Brule attempts to pair up gibbons at the sanctuary, by match-making rescued apes.

### LANGUAGE WORK:

- 1 - b    2 - c    3 - b    4 - c    5 - b    6 - c    7 - a    8 - d    9 - a    10 - a    11 - d    12 - d

Good morning Borneo! This is Radio Gibbon... – *4<sup>th</sup> January 2010*