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Soft Giants

Gorillas are the biggest human-like apes living on earth. They live in the forests of Africa. They have grey-black and sometimes brown fur and a stocky body. Their eyes are brown and the nose of a gorilla is very flat. Their hands and feet are very wide, because they move on all fours. Mature males can grow up to two meters tall and weigh about 250 kg. Gorillas are also called "soft giants" because, despite their size and strength, they are usually peaceful.

Gorillas are social animals and they live in family tribes with several females, young animals and one male family leader, the "Silverback". Gorillas are vegetarian and mainly eat leaves and fruits. They mostly stay on the ground during the day, although they are good climbers as well.

At night, they sleep in nests on the ground, which they build from leaves and branches.

