

Gorilla on the loose!

A gorilla has escaped from London Zoo!

There are rumours, opinions & guesses spreading online.

We need YOU to help us find the FACTS!



Instructions:

1. Take a look at the tweets. Can you sort them into **facts**, **opinions**, **rumours** and **guesses**?
TIPS:
 - a) Question the **SOURCE**: Who is this tweet from, and are they trustworthy?
 - b) Look at the **LANGUAGE**: Can you see any clue words that tell you it is a rumour, opinion or a guess? Use the language clues on the next page.
2. Well done! You should have found 3 facts. How did you know they were facts?
3. Now put the 3 facts in the order they happened. **TIP**: Check the times on the tweets to help you. Write (or cut out and stick) the 3 facts to your script in the right order.
4. Grab your microphone, and practise your breaking news report. **Challenge**: Can you use a dramatic news voice? Can you sing or play news music at the beginning?
5. Three, two, one, **ACTION**! Perform your breaking news report for your family, or even ask someone to film it.
6. Great work, you have produced a news report! Remember that good journalists like you only include the **FACTS** in reports.

Language clues



Language of fact

He **confirmed**...

Evidence shows that...

She **stated** that...

It is **proven** that...

Language of opinion

I **feel**...

I **think**...

I **like/don't like**...

She **believes** that...

Language of rumour

Apparently...

I **heard**...

It is **rumoured** that...

It **seems** that...

Language of speculation (guesses)

I **wonder** if...

I **reckon**...

I **bet** that...

They **suspect**...

@BBCNews: London Zoo have stated that #Kumbuka was safely returned to his den before 7pm after drinking 5 litres of squash in the staff area #safeandsound

@NoMoreZoos: dangerous animals have escaped from 50 zoos in the last year, we think this is why zoos should be banned #Kumbuka #animalsindanger #gorillaontheloose

@ZSLlondonzoo: Gorilla escape update, 5.30PM: We can confirm that all visitors have now been safely evacuated from the zoo.

@gorillanewsuk: I reckon the Gorilla escaped because he was angry at all of the stupid visitors banging on the glass all day. #Kumbuka #angrygorilla

@JimBOB: I heard tonnes of visitors are locked inside the buildings at London Zoo while the gorilla is banging on the glass at them! Watch out people! #Kumbuka

@ZSLlondonzoo: We can confirm that at 5.15pm this evening, a gorilla escaped from his den into a staff only corridor as a door was not properly secured. This is an ongoing situation.

@lucy: I feel sorry for the gorilla. If I was in a glass cage with people staring at me all day, I'd want to escape too! #Kumbuka #animalcruelty #gorillaontheloose

@JimBOB: Apparently, a huge silverback gorilla at London Zoo smashed through his den and escaped! Gorilla on the rampage! #Kumbuka #gorillaontheloose



Hello and welcome to NewsWise. I'm [say your name] and we have breaking news!

[Insert fact 1 here]

[Insert fact 2 here]

[Insert fact 3 here]

This has been [say your name] reporting for NewsWise news. Thanks for watching, goodbye!