

Year 3 and 4

Jane Goodall

Jane Goodall is a British Scientist known for her research on chimpanzees. Jane Goodall was born on April 3, 1934, in London, England. At a young age she became interested in animals. By age 11 she dreamed of living among Africa's wildlife.



She studied the animals for many years in the East African country of Tanzania. Her discoveries changed the way chimpanzees are studied and understood. In 1960, Goodall set up camp on the shores of Tanzania's Lake Tanganyika. She studied chimpanzees close-up in their natural setting. It took months for Goodall to gain the chimps' trust, but her patience paid off.

Through her observations, Goodall changed many ideas about chimpanzees. She saw a chimpanzee make a tool, which it used to get food. Scientists had believed only humans were toolmakers. She also found that chimpanzees eat both meat and plants. Finally, Goodall observed that each chimpanzee had a distinct personality and emotions.