

CRITTER CLASH!

Who Would Win the Forest Showdown?

Gorillas

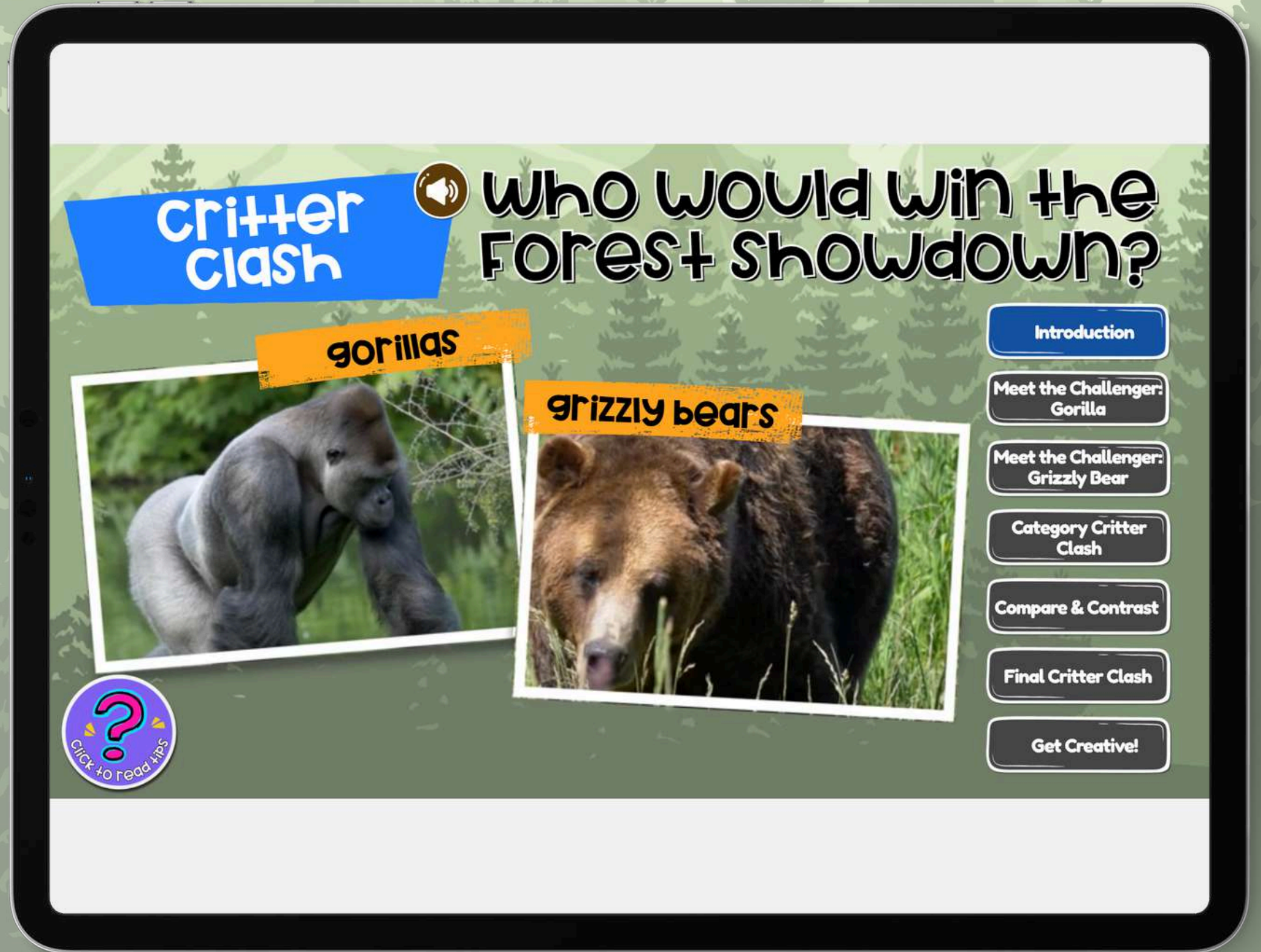


Grizzly bears



Introducing Critter Clash: Animal Showdowns Kids Can't Resist

- Get ready for a wild new digital reading and science resource line.
- In Critter Clash, students explore two amazing animals, compare their traits, and decide who would win in an epic showdown.
- These activities combine high-interest animal topics with reading, science, writing, and interactive learning.



Why teachers will love it

- Motivates reluctant readers with a battle-style format kids love
- Blends informational reading with science content
- Encourages compare-and-contrast thinking
- Gets students making predictions, analyzing traits, and defending answers with evidence
- Interactive and engaging, not just read-and-answer

Critter Clash: power round

Directions: Compare fact cards and place them under Gorilla, Grizzly Bear, or Both.

Both animals are strong mammals with sharp teeth and powerful bodies. Gorillas have amazing arm strength and powerful bites. Grizzly bears are larger, heavier, and armed with long claws.

These mammals are both powerful!

Gorilla

BOTH

Grizzly Bear

Drop here

Drop here

Drop here

has sharp teeth

has a powerful body

can defend itself fiercely

is usually larger

often lives in a troop

usually lives alone

has long arms

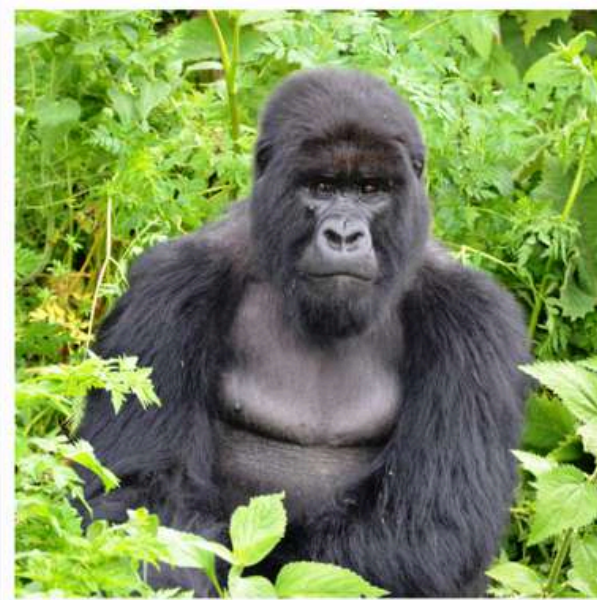
has long claws

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Gorilla vs. Grizzly Bear

Who would win the forest showdown?

 DO YOU KNOW
the difference?



They both have fur, sharp teeth, and powerful bodies... but are they really the same?

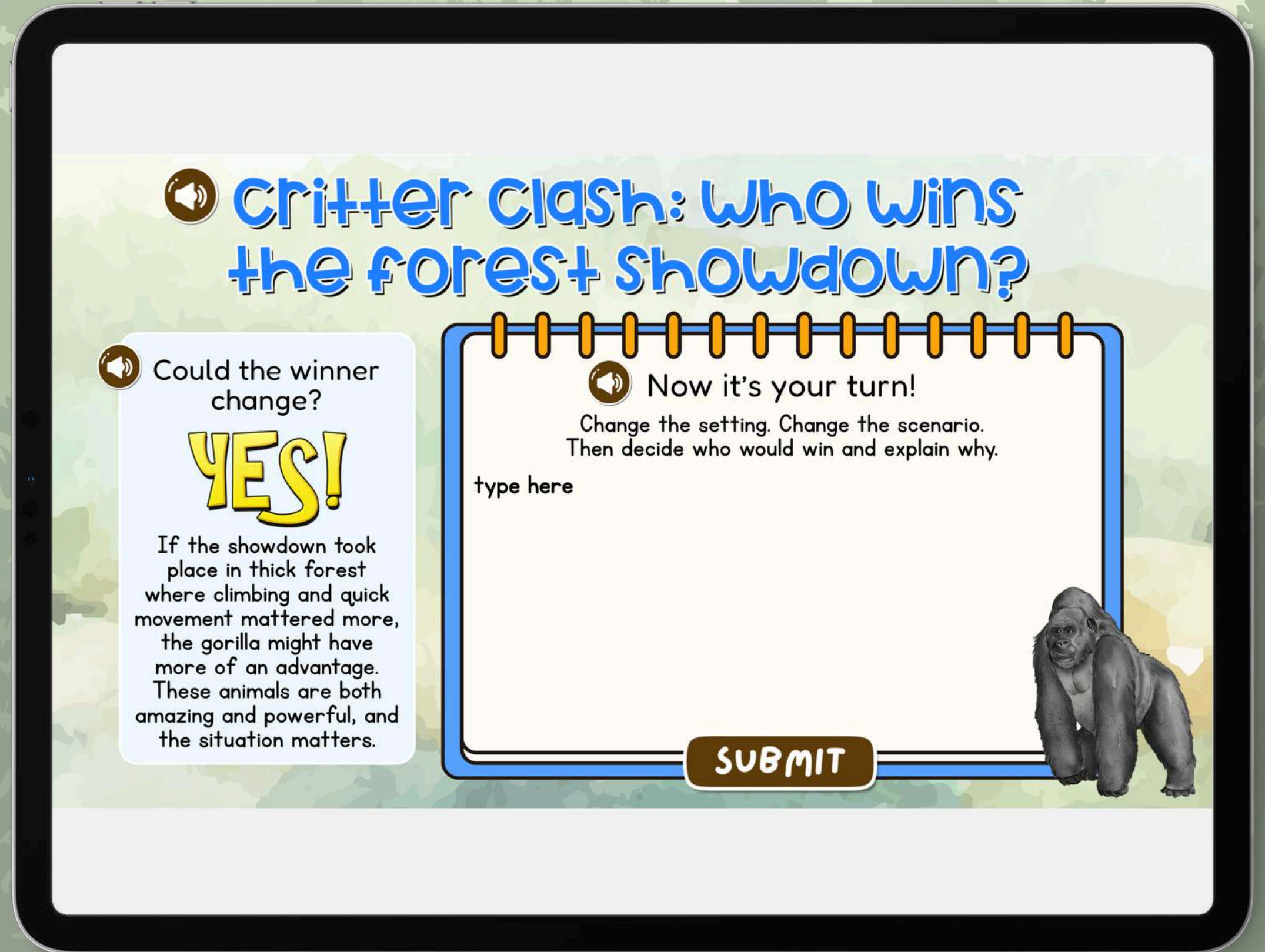
They are mostly the same.

They are different in important ways.

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What students will do

- Meet each challenger
- Learn important animal facts through reading
- Make early predictions
- Compare traits and habitats
- Complete interactive tasks
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses
- Decide the winner
- Explain their thinking



The screenshot shows a digital game interface with a forest background. At the top, the title "critter clash: who wins the forest showdown?" is displayed in a blue, bubbly font. Below the title, there are two main interactive areas. On the left, a speech bubble icon is followed by the question "Could the winner change?" and a large yellow "YES!" text. Below this, a paragraph explains that in a thick forest, climbing and quick movement might give a gorilla an advantage. On the right, another speech bubble icon is followed by the prompt "Now it's your turn!" and instructions to change the setting and scenario. Below this is a large text area labeled "type here" and a "SUBMIT" button. A gorilla illustration is positioned at the bottom right of the interface.

critter clash: who wins the forest showdown?

Could the winner change?

YES!

If the showdown took place in thick forest where climbing and quick movement mattered more, the gorilla might have more of an advantage. These animals are both amazing and powerful, and the situation matters.

Now it's your turn!

Change the setting. Change the scenario. Then decide who would win and explain why.

type here

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Cross Curricular: Reading & Science that Will Stick!

- Builds informational reading comprehension
- Teaches animal traits, habitats, adaptations, behavior, and survival
- Reinforces compare-and-contrast skills
- Supports observation of text details and evidence
- Encourages critical thinking through science-based reasoning

🔊 meet the gorilla

🔊 Gorillas are the largest living primates in the world. They live in the forests of central Africa, where they spend much of their time on the ground or moving through thick plants. Gorillas usually live in family groups called troops, led by a strong adult male known as a silverback.

One way to recognize a gorilla is by its broad chest, long powerful arms, and human-like hands. Gorillas are covered in dark fur, and adult male silverbacks have a patch of silver hair on their backs. Their strong arms help them climb, gather food, and protect their group.



🔊 Click the buttons to see each part of the gorilla.



🔊 meet the Grizzly bear

🔊 Grizzly bears are large, powerful bears that live in parts of North America. They can be found in forests, mountains, meadows, and river valleys. Grizzly bears usually live alone, except for mothers with cubs or when bears gather near rich food sources like salmon streams.

One way to recognize a grizzly bear is by its large shoulder hump, sharp claws, and thick brown fur. That shoulder hump is made of strong muscle, which helps the bear dig, run, and use its front legs with great power. Grizzlies also have long claws that are useful for digging and catching food.

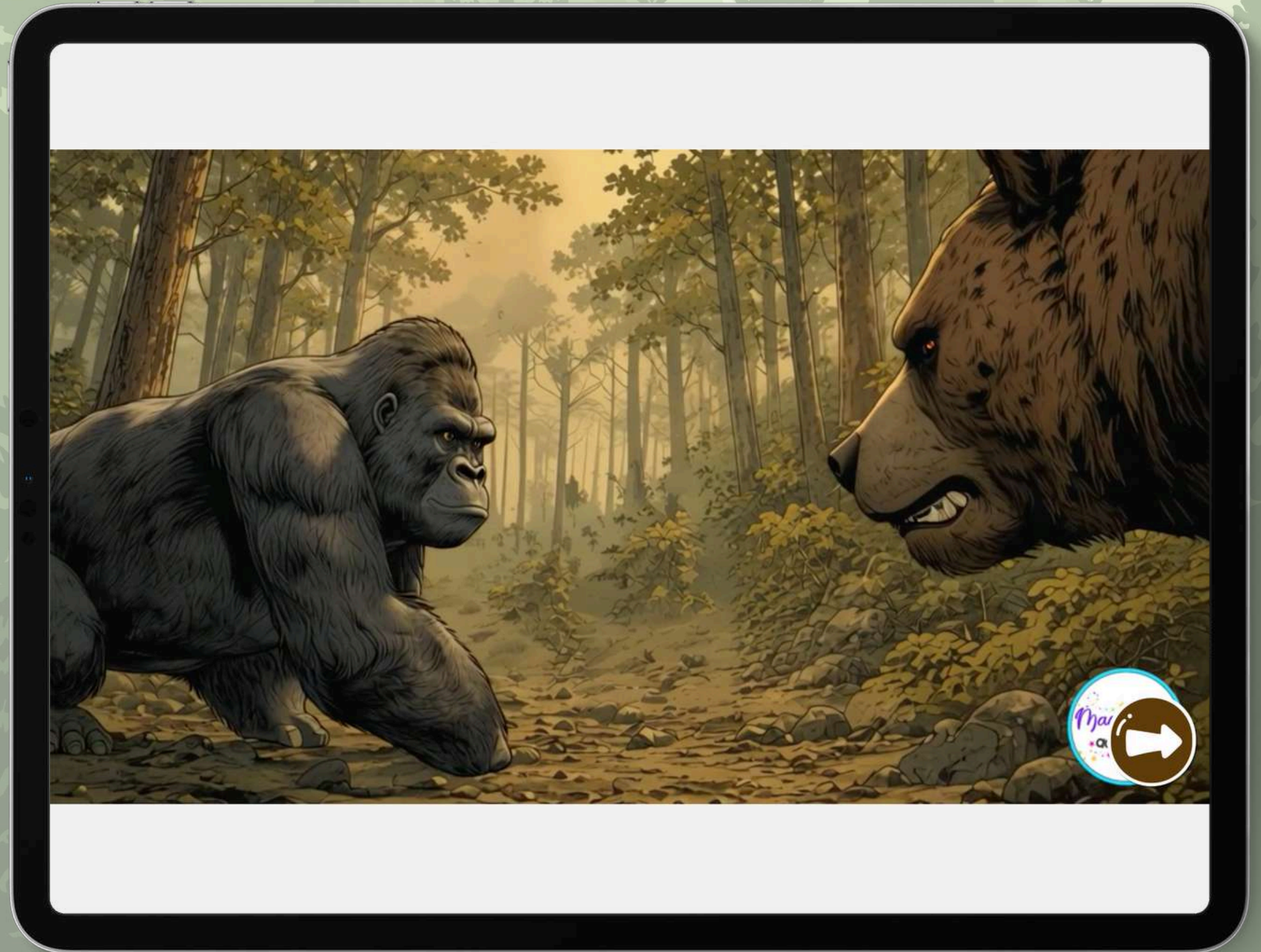


🔊 Click the buttons to see each part of the grizzly bear.



interactive & engaging

- Interactive drag-and-drop activities
- Clickable fact checks
- Animated response screens
- Audio support
- Video clips
- Movement and visual engagement throughout
- Writing and response opportunities



Types of activities

- Prediction questions
- Informational reading passages
- Trait identification
- Fact-check tasks
- Drag-and-drop sorting
- Habitat matching
- Map-based learning
- Compare/contrast categories
- Evidence-based winner decisions
- Creative writing extension

predictions

Directions: Before learning the facts, make your early guesses by dragging and dropping each question into either the Gorilla or Grizzly Bear category.

Which one has longer arms?

Which one has massive claws?

Which one usually lives in a family group?

Which one is usually larger?

Gorilla

Grizzly Bear

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No prep! Easy to Assign

- All you need is the internet!
- Assign by clicking & sharing the link or using the QR Code
- Option to print student answers, score, and writing

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GORILLAS

GRIZZLY BEARS

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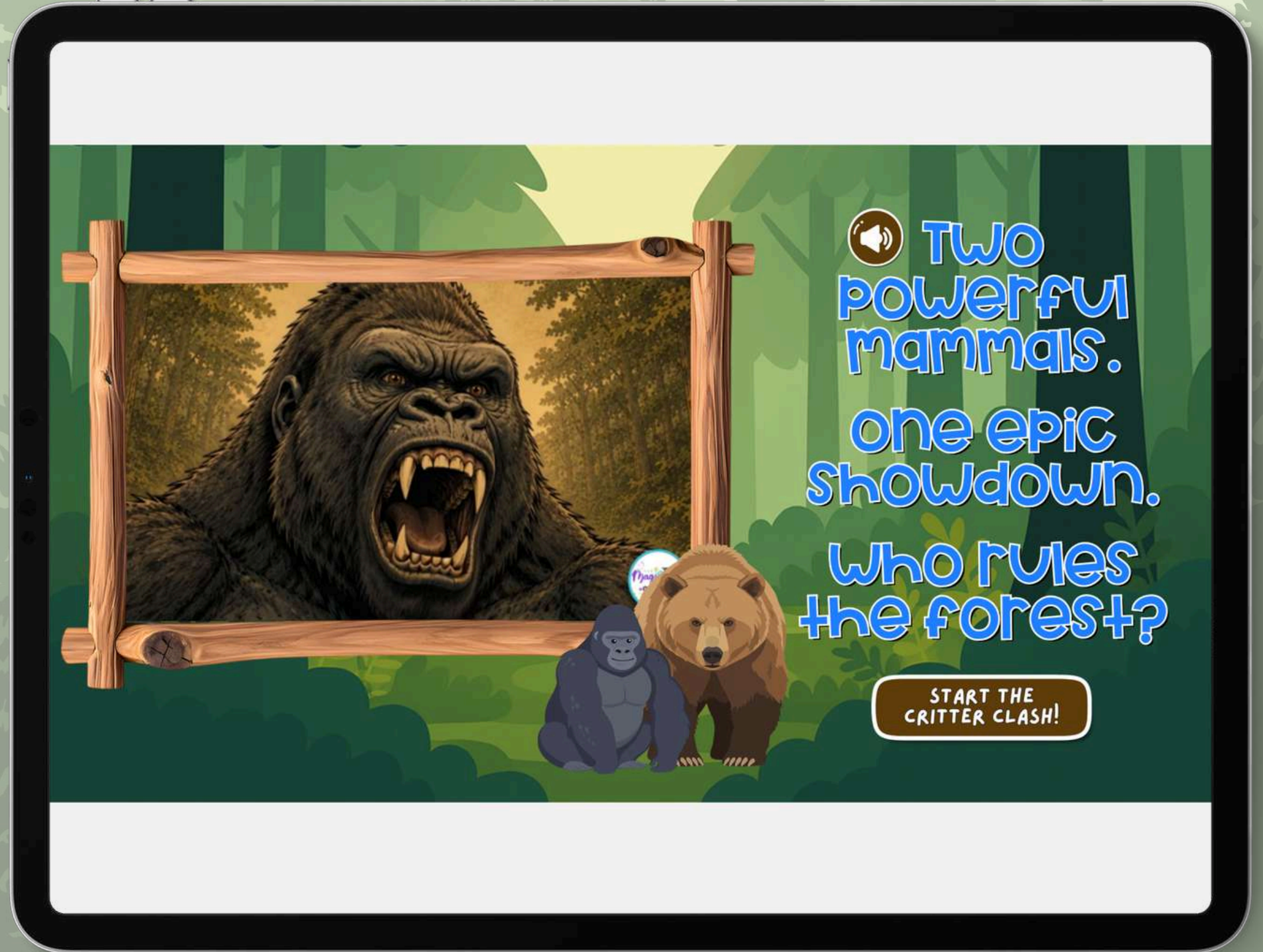
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When to use

- Science enrichment
- Reading centers
- Whole-group lesson
- Small-group instruction
- Independent practice
- Compare/contrast work
- Early finishers
- High-interest nonfiction practice



critter clash turns animal curiosity into meaningful learning

Students read, compare, predict,
interact, and defend their
thinking in a digital experience
that feels exciting and
purposeful from start to finish.



critter clash: body clue test

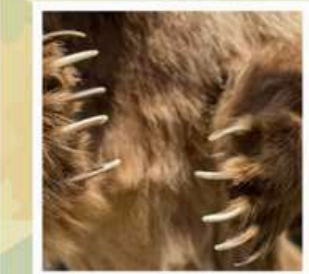
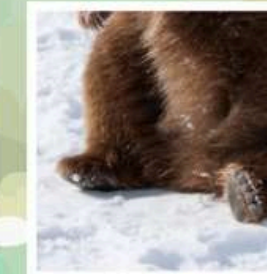
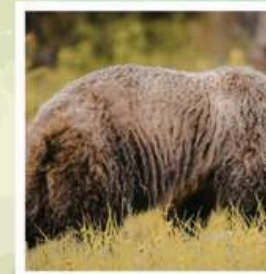
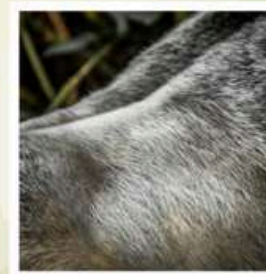
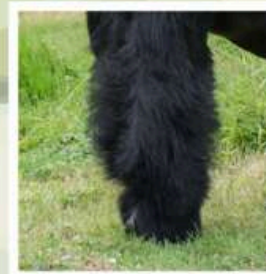
Directions: Drag and drop each picture into either the Gorilla or Grizzly Bear category.

Gorilla

long arms and human-like hands

Grizzly Bear

huge paws and long claws



Click the pictures to
take a closer look!

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