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About 380 of the world's mountain gorillas live in the forests of the Virunga (Vee-ROON-gah) Mountains. It rains a lot and the air is damp and cool. Of the three parks in this region, Virunga National Park is home to the largest number of mountain gorillas. The rest of the world's mountain gorillas—roughly 340—live in another national park in Uganda.

**Use this map and the Internet to answer the questions below and learn more about the place that mountain gorillas call home. Write answers on a separate sheet of paper.**



1. In which part of the African continent do mountain gorillas live—northern, southern, eastern, western, or central?
2. About 340 mountain gorillas live in a national park in Uganda. Is this country east or west of the Democratic Republic of the Congo?
3. About half of the world's mountain gorillas live in the Virunga Mountains. Through Internet research, find these mountains on a map of Africa. Which three countries include these mountains within their borders?
4. What feature of the mountain gorilla's body do you think helps it stay warm in the cool, damp environment where it lives?
5. Think about it: Why is it important to help save a species, or type of animal, from disappearing from the planet when it lives about 7,000 miles away from the United States? In efforts to save the mountain gorillas, what else will scientists, activists, and you and your classmates help preserve?

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