

## Lots Of Lemurs Vocabulary

**adapted** Changed to fit into a new place or situation.

**Africa** Large continent in the eastern hemisphere south of the Mediterranean Sea.

**bamboo lemurs** Small, shy lemurs who eat bamboo stems and leaves.

**black and white ruffed lemurs** Big lemurs who have a stiff mane of hair around their necks.

**collared brown lemurs** Lemurs related to crowned lemurs that have reddish longer fur like a collar sticking out on both sides below their chins.

**continent** One of the six or seven great divisions of land on the globe, such as Africa, North America, and Europe.

**crowned lemurs** Medium-sized lemurs with an orange mark just above the eyes shaped like a crown. Boy and girl crowned lemurs are different colors, but both have the crown mark.

**endemic** Only living and growing in one location.

**extinct** Not existing anymore. If a kind of animal once lived in a place, but none of the animals live there now, then that animal is extinct there.

**habitat** The type of place where a plant or animal normally lives or grows.

**indri** The largest type of lemur. It is about the size of a four year old child. It is black and white, has a loud, wailing call, and has a short tail.

**island** Land that is completely surrounded by water.

**lemurs** A group of mammals related to monkeys and apes that live only on the island of Madagascar. Lemurs come in many sizes and colors but all live in trees.

**Madagascar** The fourth largest island on earth. Madagascar is near the southeast coast of Africa and is the home of many unusual plants and animals including lemurs.

**monkey** A furry animal with grasping hands, eyes that see in 3-D, and a long tail. Monkeys live in warm parts of the world such as Africa and South America.

**mouse lemur** Any of a group of very tiny lemurs that sleep in the daytime and look for food at night.

**predator** An animal that lives by catching and eating other animals.

**ring-tailed lemurs** Fairly large lemurs whose bushy tails have dark and light rings. They also have dark rings around their eyes. Ringtails live in big groups and spend more time walking on the ground than most lemurs.

**sifakas** Tall, slender lemurs who make the "sss" sound that gives them their name. Most kinds of sifaka are white with dark or rusty-colored markings down the arms and legs. Sifakas stand up straight holding a tree trunk, and even stay up straight when they leap to another tree

trunk.