



Chimpanzee Enrichment

All zoo animals should be provided with species-specific opportunities within their enclosures so that they can express desirable behaviours. Enabling animals to express desirable behaviours is called **enrichment**. Enrichment can be categorised as follows:

Food-based enrichment: Providing food in a new way (e.g. ice blocks) or providing a new type of food.

Physical enrichment: Any change to the animals structural environment or the addition of objects that can be manipulated (toys).

Sensory enrichment: Anything that stimulates the animals senses.

Social enrichment: Interactions with other animals or people.

Cognitive enrichment: Problem solving activities of differing complexity to stimulate the animal mentally (puzzle feeders).

Visit our chimpanzee enclosure ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and make a note of any enrichment our chimpanzees have and which category it fits in:



Design a chimpanzee enclosure below. Label the different types of enrichment and explain to your class why you have included them. Do you think enrichment changes the chimpanzee's behaviour?

Remember! Chimpanzees are social animals that live in family groups