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AT THE ZOO

"Check out this cage," said Marty, the monkey. "This human sure is acting funny."

"You can say that again," said Morty, his best friend. He read a sign by the cage. "It says here that guy is pushing buttons on something called a 'computer.' Why is he wasting his time doing that? Wouldn't he rather be swinging in the trees or eating bananas?"

"Guess not," stated Marty. "Let's move on. That guy's boring."

As they moved along, they noticed cage after cage humans doing odd activities. Morty stared at one cage where two humans were playing with a round object and a long stick. "That's strange," he said. "This sign says they are doing something called 'baseball.' Why do they keep hitting that round thing and chasing after it? It seems like an awful lot of work."

"I think we need to spend a bit more time here and see if we can figure out a way to help these humans. They don't seem to be having any fun."

"You're right. Maybe we could talk to the manager and volunteer our services. Do you think they would let us?"

"Sure," said Marty. "Although, they would probably make us start by cleaning out their cages. Yuck."

"Hmmm. Maybe we should learn more about humans before we start to volunteer."

"Hey, there's a special on the Human Planet channel tonight. It's called 'Humans in the Wild.'"

"Sounds interesting. Let's go!"

STORY QUESTIONS

- What is unusual about this zoo?
 - The animals are working, and the people are taking pictures.
 - The animals are munching popcorn, and the people are on computers.
 - The animals are visiting, and the people are in the cages.
 - The animals are making phone calls, and the people are making movies.
- What does Morty think the man should be doing rather than using the computer?
 - taking a nap and eating apples
 - swinging in trees and eating bananas
 - running around and eating pineapples
 - hanging upside down and eating grapes
- What were two humans doing with a round object and a long stick?

a. playing baseball	c. playing soccer
b. playing hockey	d. hitting a piñata
- Which word in the passage means "to give of your time without being paid"?
 - manager
 - baseball
 - volunteer
 - services