



## *Fourteen Monkeys: A Rain Forest Guide*

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### **About the Book**

Welcome to Manú National Park in Peru. It's home to more kinds of monkeys than any other rain forest on Earth. How can so many species survive together in place? Step inside their warm, lush world to find out.

### **Reading Aloud Tip**

*Fourteen Monkeys* features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large, rhyming main text first. Then you can fill in details from the secondary text as appropriate.

### **Before You Read**

- Invite children to share what they think the book will be about.
- After letting them know that the book is about the sounds different animals make, work with the children to create a list of wordless sounds that humans make. Possibilities include laughing, humming, whining, and groaning. Invite the children to make each sound. Then ask them how they think a person feels when he or she makes that sound.
- Ask the children if they think animals make any of the sounds on their list. If so, do they think the animals make those sounds for the same reason as people?

### **Before You Read**

Encourage children to look closely at the cover of *Fourteen Monkeys*. Then ask the following questions:

- How many monkeys do you see on the front cover? On the back cover? (You may wish to count the number of monkeys with the children.)
- Is the monkey on the front cover repeated on the back cover?
- Where do you think they live?
- What do you think the book will be about?

### **After You Read**

Encourage children to choose a favorite monkey from *Fourteen Monkeys* and draw a picture of it on the blank side of an index card. The children should write their name, the name of the monkey, and the reason they like it best on the side of the index card with lines.

As students finish this task, collect their cards and work with them to create a whole-group bar graph made of all the index cards. Which monkey is the group's favorite? Do children notice any trends in their preferences?