



Lots of Ways to Learn (🧠 A Cognitive Health Story)
(2nd Grade 7 – 8 yrs.)
Video: All Animals Learn



STORY CONNECTION – SLIDE 2 (Approx Time: 5-10 mins)

Learning is something that is important to all animals – and yes, people are animals too. Animals need to learn about the world that they live in, so they know what to eat, where to sleep, which animals to hang around with and which animals want to eat them. As the world around them changes, so do the things that they need to learn. This story talks about how learning has changed since the we were all cavemen to now AND how we learn also changes as we get older. Understanding how we learn changes and that different people learn in different ways at different times in their lives is important for our Cognitive Health. Being able to keep learning throughout our lifetime is what helps to keep our brain healthy.

Materials needed:

- Video link: <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/orphan-baby-chimpanzees-learn-how-to-climb> (2:43)
- Equipment to show online video

Preparation needed:

- Preview the video
- Determine if you will watch the video or pause it throughout.

Instructions:

1. In this activity, student(s) will watch a video about baby chimpanzees that have been orphaned. It shows things they have had to learn to be able to live in the wilderness.
2. Before starting the video ask student(s) some (or all) of the following questions and have them respond.
 - What are some things that you automatically knew how to do when you were a baby?
 - Breathe, cry, go to the bathroom, sneeze, etc.
 - What are some things that you had to learn how to do from your parents or another grown-up?
 - Crawl, walk, eat with utensils, drink from a cup, talk using words, etc.
 - Are you still learning things now? If so, what?
 - Reading, subtraction, riding a bike, piano, etc.
 - Do grown-ups ever need to learn anything new?
 - Job tasks, ways to get to places, hobbies, things about their children, etc.
 - Do you have any pets? If so, what are they? Can animals learn?
 - Of course!
 - Did you ever have to teach them anything that they needed to learn to survive?
 - Using the bathroom outside, where the food/water was, what was a toy vs, what was not a toy, where to scratch, etc.

- Do you think that all animals can learn and always continue to learn?
 - Yes!
3. Show the video clip.
Note: You can pause and discuss as you go, or you can watch it in its entirety and talk about it when it is over.
 4. After (or during) the video, ask student(s) some (or all) of the following questions:
 - Why are the baby chimpanzees with Jimmy and Jenny?
 - What are some of the things the chimpanzees need to learn?
 - Why do they need to learn these things?
 - How are Jimmy and Jenny teaching the chimpanzees?
 - Are they learning?
 - How do you know?
 5. In closing, remind student(s) that all animals can learn and yes, people are animals, too! Understanding how we learn changes and that different people learn in different ways at different times in their lives is important for our Cognitive Health. Being able to keep learning throughout our lifetime is what helps to keep our brain healthy.