

Recommended Research for Orangutan Behavioral Enrichment (BE)

*Note for all teachers: This is a list of recommended sources of videos and articles for accurate, fun research about behavioral enrichment for orangutans. Please make sure to **review all links** for appropriate content and reading level before assigning research to your students or showing content in class. Especially look for potential **advertisements** that may have changed since Zoo staff reviewed the site.*

Top Pick #1

Title: What Is Orangutan Enrichment?

URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=hyLpmWmESHE&feature=emb_logo

Type of Resource: 2 ½ minute Video

Source: The Great Projects

Notes: This video shows orangutans using ice treats, climbing and why it is important for them to get BE. Encourages kids to use natural resources to create behavioral enrichment items.

#2

Title: Digital Enrichment for Orangutans

URL: <http://www.beckyscheel.com/digital-enrichment-for-orangutans-masters-project>

Type of Resource: 2-minute video with website article and diagrams

Source: Zoo Atlanta

Notes: This video shows and discusses Zoo Atlanta and their use of electronic forms of BE. The website also has written versions, diagrams, and more in-depth information.

Potential Discussion Questions about Digital Enrichment:

1. *Why do you think using technology would be enriching to the orangutans?*
2. *Why do you think it would be important to not have a projector or computer in the exhibit with the orangutan?*
3. *Should keepers be able to remove and put it up as they please? Or should they keep it up and in use all the time?*

#3

Title: Orangutans Enjoy Enrichment at the Philadelphia Zoo

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADYNXwVQ1kQ>

Type of Resource: 2-minute video

Source: Philadelphia Zoo

Notes: This video shows orangutans at the Philadelphia Zoo and examples of different types of food BE items that are used around the night house.