The Chimp's Champ

A woman who kicked off the environmental conference knows a thing or two about chimps. Jane Goodall is a scientist who is famous for her research in Africa on how chimpanzees behave in the wild.

Goodall gave a speech to kids about making the world a better place. She even introduced herself with chimpanzee noises!

What advice did she have for kids about protecting the environment? "Get involved and do something!"

Today, Jane Goodall works for the United Nations. She travels around the world and speaks about the environment and peace.

Goodall credits her mom for being her greatest inspiration to study chimpanzees. "When I dreamed of going to Africa at 8, everybody laughed at me," she told Weekly Reader. "[My mom] was the one who said that if you really want something, work hard, take advantage of the opportunity, and never give up!"

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1 research: careful study and investigation for the purpose of discovering and explaining new knowledge
2 protecting: defending or guarding from attack, invasion or loss; to shield from injury or danger
3 environment: the air, water, minerals, and living things that surround and affect living things
“The Chimp's Champ” Questions

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   d. driving to the park

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   **Answers will vary.** Treating the environment well and peace are _closely related._ Wars can be caused because different groups of people fight for control of limited resources in the environment. If resources are plentiful, people will be more likely to share._

**Suggested Additional Vocabulary: conference**