



*Fourteen Monkeys: A Rain Forest Rhyme*

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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 just the large, rhyming main text all the way through. Then you can return to the beginning and read both layers of text or just discuss the illustrations and fill in details from the secondary text.

**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?