

## National Geographic Kids Reader: Hang On, Monkey!

### Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book with your child, look at the front cover and talk about what you can see in the picture. Discuss any prior knowledge your child has about monkeys, remembering any visits to the zoo or stories/other books about monkeys that they know.
- This book has lots of unfamiliar monkey names. Read these to your child and help them to say the names aloud using the map on page 22: *Golden lion tamarin*, *Northern muriquis*, *Vervet monkeys*, *Proboscis monkeys*, *Francois' leaf monkey*, *Mandrill*, *Red howler monkeys*, *Long-tailed macaque*, *Angola colobus*, *Squirrel monkeys*
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
  - Read the book together, making it fun and exciting to find out about the monkeys.
  - Help with unfamiliar words and practise saying the monkey names aloud.
  - Help children to read tricky place names: *North America*, *South America*, *Asia*, *Africa*.
  - Encourage them to sound out words. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
  - Encourage them to use the pictures and think about what word would make sense.
  - If your child gets stuck, read and enjoy the book together, so that they don't lose their confidence.
  - Give them lots of praise and encouragement as they tackle new words!
- Discuss which monkey is your child's favourite and why. Help them to explain their reasons, looking closely at the pictures and words.

**Pronunciation guide:** muriquis (*mur-i-kwee*), macaque (*muh-cak*)