

Cheeky chimps on the motorway



Drivers were surprised to see monkeys running all over the road yesterday. The lorry taking them to their new home at Burwell Zoo had broken down. While the lorry driver went to get help, one of the monkeys managed to lift the latch on the door. Inspector Baker said the monkeys looked like they were having great fun.

They climbed all over the road signs and scrambled up the lampposts. One even sat on top of the police car! Some drivers got irate because of the traffic jam, but most drivers were prepared to see the funny side.

"I'm pleased to say all the cheeky chimps are now safely back in the zoo," said Inspector Baker last night.

Do you remember?

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Copy these sentences. Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

1. The monkeys escaped from a _____. (ship, lorry, train)
2. It was taking them to a _____. (forest, zoo, circus)
3. They got out through the _____. (door, window, roof)
4. _____ of the car drivers thought it was funny. (Most, All, None)
5. The police inspector called them _____. (cheeky chimps, silly sausages, mad monkeys)

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More to think about

Write a sentence to answer each question.

1. Why did the lorry driver leave the monkeys on their own?
2. Do you think the chimps were pleased to be out of the lorry? Why?
3. How did the monkeys get out of the lorry?
4. Why were some of the drivers cross?
5. Write these phrases in your own words.
 - a) some drivers got irate
 - b) most drivers were prepared to see the funny side

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Now try these

1. Imagine you are one of the monkeys. Write the article from your point of view.
2. One of the drivers writes a letter to the zoo complaining about the incident. Pretend you are the driver and write the letter.
3. Where do you think the monkeys would prefer to be: in the zoo, loose on the road or in the jungle? Explain your answer.

