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How Gorillas Communicate

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Chest beating is important because it shows strength and can warn other gorillas of danger.
2. Understanding their communication can help people avoid disturbing them and create better conservation plans.
3. Gorillas might use chest beating during conflicts, grunts to reassure their young, and facial expressions to show emotions.
4. Koko's use of sign language shows that animals can have complex thoughts and emotions.

