

UNIT 28 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Adrianna: That was a pretty interesting class, wasn't it, Wang Tao?

Wang Tao: Yea, I love biology. That thing we learned about... Zoo...ahh (pause) when animals "doctor" themselves when they are sick or hurt...

Adrianna: Zoo-pharma-cognosy.

Wang Tao: Yea, that's it. It's interesting stuff that the professor said. How chimpanzees pick out the right plants to treat their illness and injury.

Adrianna: Yea, I was reading about it the other day. Apparently, other animals do similar things. African elephants chew on a special leaf when they are about to give birth. Something in the leaf helps the baby be born faster.

Wang Tao: That's so cool. They must learn these things from their parents. Kinda like how we learn things as we grow up.

Adrianna: Yea, and maybe humans originally learned it from animals, too! I also found out that some North American bears use plant roots to make a cream. They put the cream on their fur to protect themselves from bugs or something. And now there's a company that is working out a way to make a similar cream for humans.

Wang Tao: Wow, Adrianna. You know a lot about this zoopharma—what?

Adrianna: Zoopharmacognosy.

Wang Tao: Right, eventually I'll figure out how to say it. Where did you pick up all this information?

Adrianna: On the Internet. I wrote about it for my assignment.

Wang Tao: Oh, I see. Heh, I just thought you were really smart. Should we hand those papers in then?

Adrianna: Good idea. They are due in... uhh... now.