

Week 8 – Unit 7 – Skills and Interests – Can you do this and that? – Koko – Introductory video – Video script

Markéta: Oh, hi, hi, Šárka. How are you? Are you going to borrow any books?

Šárka: Hi, hi, yes, I would like to take a look at some textbooks, actually.

Markéta: Actually, actually, I've got here a textbook, you know, it's Navigate and it's for beginners, it's A1. And I came across a really interesting article. It is about a very clever gorilla, her name is Koko.

Šárka: Really?

Markéta: Yes, yes. And it says that Koko has this unusual ability because she can communicate with people.

Šárka: Wow, amazing, but how.

Markéta: Well, she can't speak, but ... yeah, you can have a look, ... she can't speak, but she can understand instructions and she can use her hands to say things, and she can use over 1,000 signs.

Šárka: Unbelievable. And can Koko understand language?

Markéta: Yes, yes, she can. Isn't that amazing?

Šárka: That is amazing, really. And can she ... can Koko speak?

Markéta: No, she can't but still, you know, I think that an animal that can communicate with people is something really extraordinary.

Šárka: Yes, it is. And let me see her. Yeah, here she ... she looks like a young animal. How old is she now?

Markéta: I don't know, well, actually, let me check, I can google, you know, Koko. OK.

Šárka: Do you think, you'll find it there?

Markéta: I hope. I guess that if she is, you know, such an extraordinary animal, she'll be there. Yes.

Šárka: It's a true story, right.

Markéta: Yes, yes, yes. Here I've got it. Yeah, see, see here. She is quite a...

Šárka: I can see the photos.

Markéta: ... but, oh, unfortunately, she died in 2018, yeah, this book is slightly older. OK.

Šárka: Oh no.

Markéta: So she's not here anymore, unfortunately.

Šárka: Yeah, that's sad news. But anyways, it's an amazing story and amazing ability, right.

Markéta: Definitely, definitely.