

# Book Knowledge Organiser - Gorilla by Anthony Browne

## Important Information

### Plot

A girl called Hannah — about 6 or 7 years old — feels that her father doesn't spend any time with her. She often wants to do something with him but he is always busy. One day her father gifts her a toy gorilla, as she has a special interest in gorillas, seeing gorilla related things everywhere. That night Hannah dreams she goes on a dream date with her life-sized gorilla, who is now a stand in father figure. He takes her to the zoo and then to a cafe. In the morning we learn that it is her birthday, and her father has a surprise — he is going to take her to the zoo.

### Themes

desire, imagination, relationships

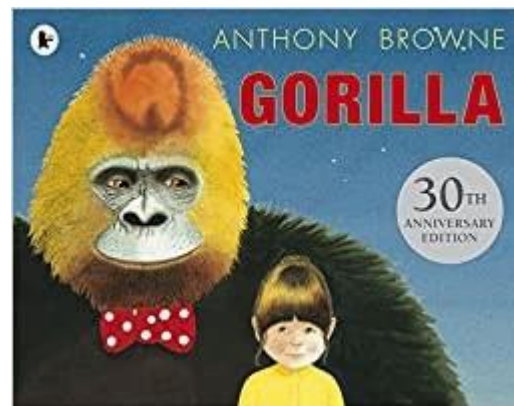
### Setting

A town with a zoo.

## Characters

|              |                                                             |
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| Hannah       | A girl who wants to spend time with her father.             |
| Hannah's Dad | A busy man who doesn't show much attention to his daughter. |
| Gorilla      | An imaginary animal who takes Hannah on adventures.         |

**Context:** Anthony Browne is a children's author/illustrator and lives in Kent. He was born in Sheffield in 1946, and grew up in Yorkshire. He studied graphic design at Leeds College of Art and first worked as an illustrator for medical textbooks, then as a greeting card designer. The illustrations in his books are as important as the story.



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Genre: Fiction



## Key Vocabulary

|              |                                                                 |
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| figure       | A person's body shape.                                          |
| cafe         | A shop selling food and drinks.                                 |
| relationship | The feelings between two people.                                |
| imaginary    | Made up/not real.                                               |
| adventure    | Going somewhere and doing something you have never done before. |

### What can the book teach us?

Take time to enjoy spending time with others.

### Quotes

"She thought they were beautiful but sad."  
"The next morning Hannah woke up and saw the toy gorilla."