



## Week One: What are Primates?

### Glossary

Key words and phrases from *Week One*

**Binocular vision** – two forward-facing eyes set in the front of the skulls, giving a clear, three-dimensional image.

**Clavicle** – a long bone that lies between the shoulder and the sternum, and helps to increase arm and shoulder movement. Also known as the collarbone.

**Colour vision** – the eyes' ability to perceive colour in wavelengths of light.

**Fingernails** – hard plates found at the end of fingers & toes on the top of each digit. Made from a protein called keratin.

**Generalised dentition** – teeth that are not specialised to eat one particular type of food.

**Low reproductive rates** – A small number of helpless infants born from each pregnancy. Long gaps between offspring to allow for long childhoods.

**Mammal** – a warm-blooded animal that is covered with hair, and has a backbone. Mammals give birth to live young and females produce milk to feed their offspring.

**Opposable thumb** – A thumb that can touch the tips of each finger on the same hand. Enables better handling and manipulation of objects.

**Primates** – a group of mammals that share a suite of distinguishing characteristics that make them adapted for a tree-dwelling lifestyle.

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