



## Week Eight: Reproduction & Growth

### Higher Level Activities & Projects

Primate life cycles are quite similar to our own!

To learn more about growing up as a primate, work through the slides on our **Reproduction & Growth** lesson, then complete the follow-up activities below!

Primates' gestation periods vary between the species, just like the length of the other life stages. Can you use your maths skills to complete the table?

Species	Days	Months
Ring-tailed lemurs	137-138	
Common marmosets		5
Squirrel monkeys	170	
Capuchin monkeys	149-158	
Stump-tailed macaques		6
Gibbons		7.5
Woolly monkeys	223	
Chimpanzees		7.5 - 8
Orang-utans	264	

#### Activity A

What does the human life cycle look like? How does it compare to a non-human primate species? What are the similarities and differences between your life stages and theirs?

Answer with in as much detail as possible, and present your answer in any format of your choosing.

#### Activity B

Pick one of the species that currently live at Monkey World and research how they care for their offspring until they reach adulthood.

Answer with in as much detail as possible, and present your answer in any format of your choosing.

We would love to see what you get up to, so please send photos, videos and examples of work to [education@monkeyworld.org](mailto:education@monkeyworld.org)



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#### Check Your Knowledge!

What have you learned about primate life cycles?

1. Why do all living things need to reproduce?

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2. What is the process where a female will choose to reproduce with a male who has the best traits and abilities?

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3. Why do primate offspring look similar to their parents, but not exactly the same?

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3. What is the scientific word for "pregnancy"?

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4. How is a baby chimpanzee different in its infancy to its juvenile period?

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5. Which group of primates have the longest infancies?

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