



## Week One: What are Primates?

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Did you know that you are a primate?!

Humans are primates, just like chimpanzees, woolly monkeys, and ring-tailed lemurs. That means that you share lots of similarities with monkeys and apes!

To learn more about what it means to be a primate, first watch our video lesson **What are Primates?**, then complete the follow-up activities below!

#### Test it Out!



You've just learnt about the main characteristics seen in primates. Can you put yours to the test?

Pick up something small, like a crayon or a grain of rice. Can you pick them up without using your thumb?	
Reach out and grab hold of an object in front of you. It should be easy. Now try doing it with one eye closed, then the other. What's the difference?	
Next time you eat something, try to pay attention to the teeth you use when eating different foods. What's the difference between eating a piece of fruit versus a piece of meat?	
Lift your arms out to the sides as if you were doing a star-jump. Raise them above your head. How long can you hold them there for?	
Look at some fresh fruit. How can you tell which fruits are more ripe than others?	

#### Project Idea 1

Pick another group of mammals (like rodents or felines), then research and compare their distinguishing features with those of a primate. Present your findings in a medium of your choice, i.e. a poster, video, presentation, poem, song...

#### Project Idea 2

Use the main primate characteristics as an art stimulus. For example, you could use your thumbprint to paint a primate portrait, or make a colour-coordinated collage of your favourite primate!

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 primates?

1. Primates are... (circle your answer)

Reptiles

Birds

Mammals

Amphibians

2. Fill in the blanks using the words below:

Primates have large, complex \_\_\_\_\_. Compared to their \_\_\_\_\_ size, primates have \_\_\_\_\_ brains than other animals.

Body

Brains

Bigger

3. There are some other main characteristics found in primates. All primates will have at least one of these features. How many are there in total? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Can you name any three of those features?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_