

# APES AND MONKEYS

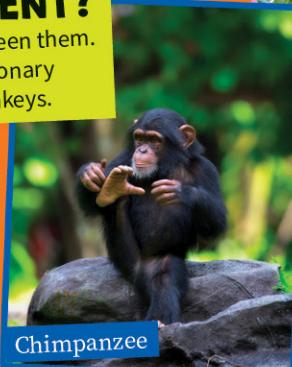


Did you know that humans belong to the ape family. The ape family also includes gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, bonobos and gibbons.

## WHY ARE MONKEYS AND APES DIFFERENT?

While apes and monkeys are primates, there are lots of differences between them. These differences are based on their physical characteristics and evolutionary ancestry. Check out some of the general characteristics of apes and monkeys.

- Apes have no tail.
- Apes have a broad chest.
- Apes are usually larger and heavier than monkeys.
- Apes rely on vision rather than smell resulting in smaller noses than some monkeys.



Chimpanzee



Spider Monkey



LESSER APE  
Gibbons



Gorilla  
GREAT APE

## THE APE FAMILY

Us humans are a part of the 'Great Ape' family and joining us we have bonobos, chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans. All great apes have the ability to distinguish colours and rely mostly on vision.

## THE LESSER APES

Besides the great apes there are also 'lesser apes'. The family consists of many species of gibbons. These little creatures are very different physically, socially and mentally from the great apes. They are much smaller and live in pairs for life, as well as having the physical appearance of a monkey.

## MONKEY MADNESS

There are many kinds of monkeys that call Earth home. Monkeys themselves are divided into two large categories; Old World Monkeys and New World Monkeys.

### OLD WORLD MONKEYS

These monkeys live in Africa and Asia and are larger than the New World monkeys. Here are some of their characteristics.

- Narrow and downward pointing nostrils.
- Longer hind legs than forearms.
- Tails that don't grasp or hold anything.
- Prominent buttock pads to sit on.



Macaque  
OLD WORLD



Mandrill

### NEW WORLD MONKEYS

You can find these cheeky monkeys in Central and South America. Some of these monkeys can be quite tiny, which means very cute! Here are some of their characteristics.

- Small to medium sized.
- Long tails which can grasp onto objects.
- No buttock pads.



Capuchin



Emperor Tamarin