



Monkeys are divided into two groups, Old World monkeys and New World monkeys. Old World monkeys live in Asia and Africa and New World monkeys live in North and South America. However, both Old World and New World monkeys have a lot in common.

The majority of monkeys spend most of their time in trees although a few



monkeys like baboons spend most of their time on the ground. The main reason that monkeys spend most of their time in the trees is because, in the trees, they are safer from predators (attacking animals). Because of their long arms and tail, some monkeys can travel faster through the trees than humans can run on the ground.



The diet for most monkeys is made up of plants, seeds, and fruit. However, when hungry, they will also eat meat in the form of insects. Animals that eat both plants and meat are called omnivores. When not sleeping, Monkeys spend most of their time looking for food, eating and socializing with the other monkeys.

Monkeys are very social animals and usually eat and sleep with their group. A group of monkeys is called a troop. Monkeys usually play, eat and sleep with their troop. Members of the troop look out for danger and warn the others if a predator is around.



The younger monkeys are often taken care of by their older brothers and sisters which helps train the older monkeys to be better parents when that time comes. Also, monkeys can often be seen grooming one another as part of their socialization. It helps them to bond with each other and sometimes is done when ending a fight.

Monkeys are very smart animals. Some have their own language and can even warn others in their group when a predator is nearby. They do this with different barks and screams. Some monkeys are also known to use tools such as a rock to break open nuts or a large branch to fight off a snake.



In addition to using tools, the smartest monkeys also create tools such as removing the leaves and tiny branches from a twig so that it fits into a hole to catch ants. These monkeys can use tools because, like humans, they have opposable thumbs.



However, some monkeys, like the spider monkey, do not have an opposable thumb like humans. Instead of swinging from tree branch to tree branch using their hands to grip each branch, they leap to higher branches and jump down to lower branches. If they need to grip a branch or even an object, they use their tail which is designed for gripping things.

Another monkey with a long tail is the lemur. Like the spider monkey, the lemur's



tail is used for balance and it is used for gripping branches and objects. Also, when food is hard to find, a lemur will hibernate (sleep) and can do so for several months. By sleeping for such a long time, the lemur does not use up much energy and therefore does not need to eat.

When it comes to being smart, the most intelligent primates are Chimpanzees, Gorillas and Orangutans. Chimpanzees are very intelligent and they can see things in color, like humans. They are closely related to humans and share about 98% of the same DNA.

Another monkey that is similar to humans is the rhesus monkey. In the 1940s, the United States was just starting its flights into space and it wanted to send a human in the spacecraft. Although common now, it was not common in the 1940s to send humans into space.

Instead of risking the life of a human, the United States wanted to use an animal that had similar body parts and organs to a human.

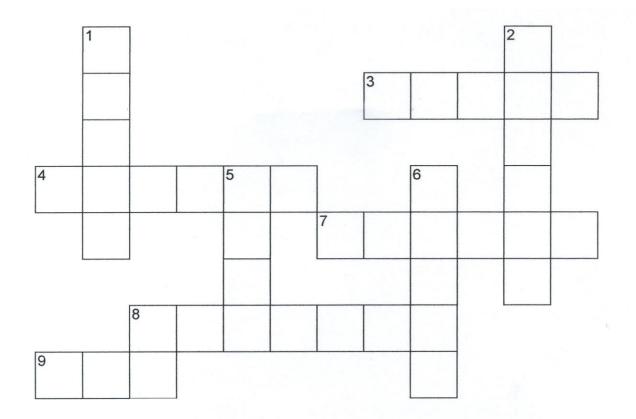
So instead of using a human, they placed a rhesus monkey in the space capsule. This monkey was hooked up with wires to all kinds of machines to watch things like its blood pressure, its pulse rate and so on. This is the same thing that they now do with human astronauts. The rhesus monkey returned to earth without being harmed by the trip in space. The name of this first United States astronaut was Albert and the mission was a big success.

Monkeys typically live about 15 years but a few have exceeded 60 years. The biggest threat to monkeys is humans who either hunt the monkeys or tear down their living areas to build roads and buildings.



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Crossword Puzzle #1



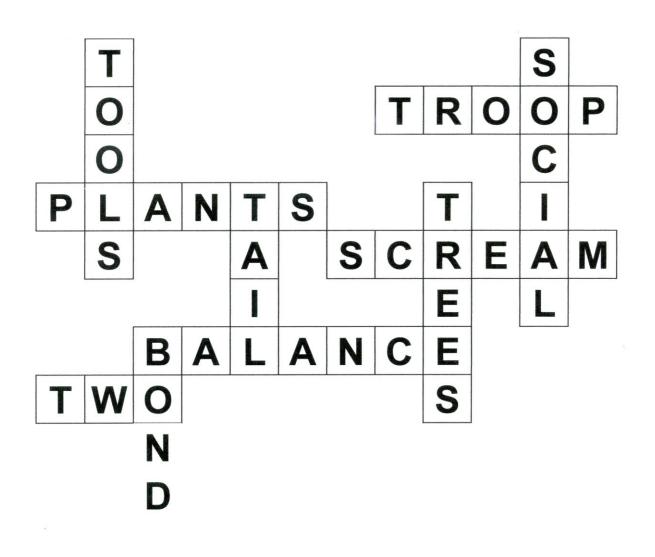
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- 3 A group of monkeys is called a
- 4 Monkeys usually eat food from
- 7 Monkeys often bark or _____ when there is danger.
- 8 Monkeys use their tail for
- 9 Monkeys are divided into _____ groups.

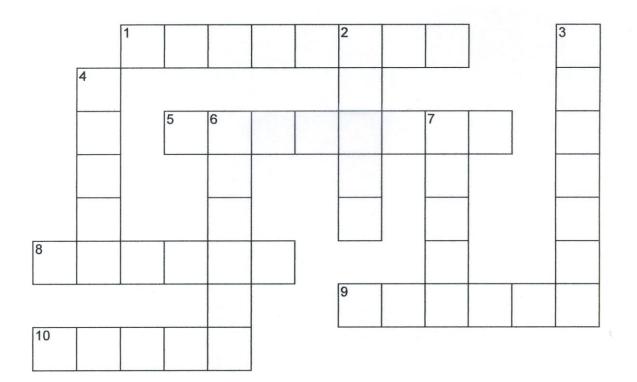
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- The smarter monkeys know how to use _____.
- 2 Monkeys are very _____ animals.
- 5 Some monkeys can pick up fruit with their _____.
- 6 Most monkeys spend their time in _____.
- 8 Grooming helps monkeys to _____ with each other.

Crossword Puzzle #1



Crossword Puzzle #2



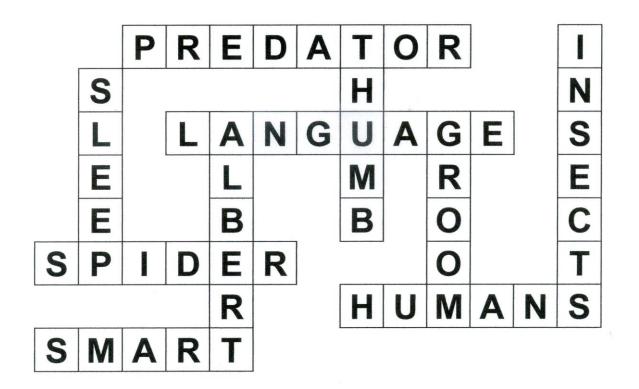
ACROSS

- 1 An attacking animal is called a
- 5 Some monkeys have their own
- 8 A _____ monkey has a very long tail.
- 9 The biggest threat to monkeys is _____.
- 10 Monkeys are very _____ animals.

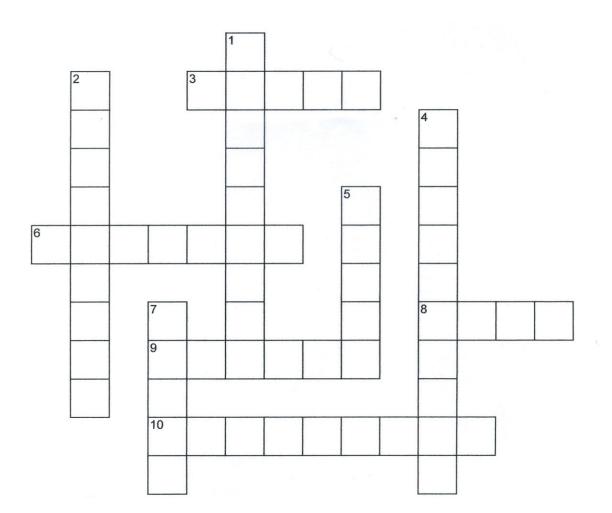
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- 2 Some monkeys can use tools because they have a _____.
- 3 When hungry, some monkeys eat _____.
- **4** A lemur will _____ when it cannot find food.
- 6 The first US astronaut's name was _____.
- 7 Monkeys often _____ each other after a fight.

Monkey Fun Facts Crossword Puzzle #2



Crossword Puzzle #3



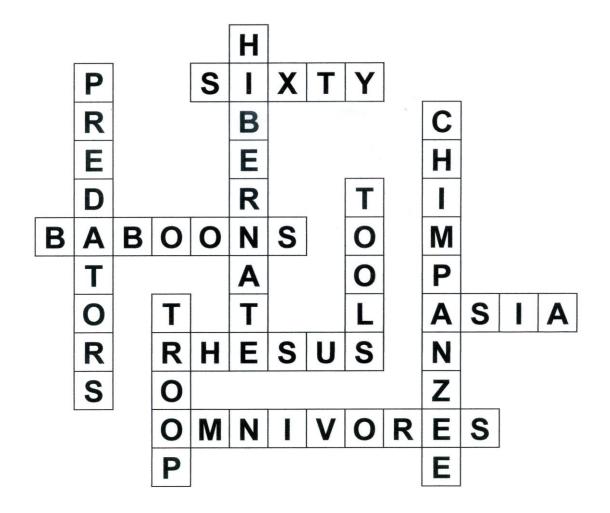
ACROSS

- 3 A few monkeys live to over _____ years old.
- 6 _____ spend most of their time on the ground.
- 8 Old World monkeys live in Africa and _____.
- 9 The ____ monkey was the first US astronaut.
- **10** Animals eating plants and meat are called _____.

DOWN

- 1 A lemur will _____ when it cannot find food.
- 2 In trees, monkeys are safer from _____.
- 4 _____ is one of the smartest monkeys.
- 5 The smartest monkeys know how to create _____.
- 7 Monkeys usually eat and play within their _____.

Crossword Puzzle #3



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Albert	Hibernate	Omnivore	Socialgroup
Baboons	Lemur	Omnivores	Spidermonkey
Balance	Monkey	Predator	Tools
Chimpanzee	Monkeydiet	Predators	Trees
Gorilla	Monkeytail	Rhesus	Troop

Wordsearch Puzzle #1



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Wordsearch Puzzle #4

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