

Some interesting facts about people

Несколько интересных
фактов о людях





What makes people so special when compared to the rest of the animal kingdom?

Что же делает людей такими особенными в отличие от остального животного мира?

- ❑ SPEECH (РЕЧЬ)
- ❑ UPRIGHT POSTURE (ВЕРТИКАЛЬНАЯ ОСАНКА)
- ❑ NAKEDNESS (ОБНАЖЕННОСТЬ)
- ❑ HANDS (РУКИ)
- ❑ EXTRAORDINARY BRAINS (НЕЗАУРЯДНЫЙ УМ)
- ❑ CLOTHING (ОДЕЖДА)
- ❑ FIRE (ОГОНЬ)
- ❑ BLUSHING (СТЫД)
- ❑ LONG CHILDHOODS (ДОЛГОЕ ДЕТСТВО)



Speech



The larynx (гортань) sits lower in the throat in humans than in chimps, one of several features that enable human speech. We also possess a descended hyoid (подъязычная) bone — this horseshoe-shaped (подковообразная) bone below the tongue, unique in that it is not attached to any other bones in the body, allows us to articulate (произносить) words when speaking.

Upright posture



Humans are unique among the primates in how walking fully upright is our chief mode of locomotion (главный способ передвижения). This frees our hands up for using tools.

Nakedness



We look naked compared to our hairier ape cousins (родственники обезьяны). Humans often have thinner, shorter, lighter hairs.

Hands



Contrary (вопреки) to popular misconceptions, humans are not the only animals to possess opposable thumbs (отстоящие пальцы) — most primates do. (Unlike the rest of the great apes (человекообразные обезьяны), we don't have opposable big toes on our feet.) What makes humans unique is how we can bring our thumbs all the way across the hand to our ring and little fingers. We can also flex (сгнуть) the ring and little fingers toward the base of our thumb. This gives humans a powerful grip and exceptional dexterity (ловкость) to hold and manipulate tools with.

Extraordinary brain



Without a doubt, the human trait that sets us apart (отличает нас) the most from the animal kingdom is our extraordinary brain. Humans don't have the largest brains in the world — those belong to sperm whales (кашалоты). We don't even have the largest brains relative to body size — many birds have brains that make up more than 8 percent of their body weight, compared to only 2.5 percent for humans. Yet the human brain, weighing only about 3 pounds when fully grown, give us the ability to reason (размышлять) and think.

CLOTHING



Humans may be called "naked apes," (голые обезьяны) but most of us wear clothing, a fact that makes us unique in the animal kingdom, save for the clothing we make for other animals.

FIRE



The human ability to control fire helped our ancestors (предки) to see in an otherwise dark world and keep nocturnal predators at bay (ночных хищников на расстоянии). The warmth of the flames also helped people stay warm in cold weather. It gave us cooking, which influenced human evolution — cooked foods are easier to chew and digest (переваривать), perhaps contributing (способствовало) to human reductions in tooth and gut (кишки) size.

Blushing



Humans are the only species known to blush, a behavior Darwin called "the most peculiar (специфический) and the most human of all expressions. The most common idea is that blushing helps keep people honest, benefiting (приносить пользу) the group as a whole.

Long childhoods



Humans must remain in the care of their parents for much longer than other living primates. The explanation may be our large brains, which presumably (предположительно) require a long time to grow and learn.

Thank you for attention

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