

Overhead

Characteristics of Apes and Humans		
Characteristics	Apes	Humans
Posture	Bent over or quadrapedal “knuckle-walking” common	Upright or bipedal
Leg and arm length	Arms longer than legs; arms adapted for swinging, usually among trees	Legs usually longer than arms; legs adapted for striding
Feet	Low arches; opposable big toes, capable of grasping	High arches; big toes in line with other toes; adapted for walking
Teeth	Prominent teeth; large gaps between canines and nearby teeth	Reduced teeth; gaps reduced or absents
Skull	Bent forward from spinal column; rugged surface; prominent brow ridges	Held upright on spinal column; smooth surface
Face	Sloping; jaws jut out; wide nasal openings	Vertical profile; distinct chin; narrow nasal opening
Brain Size	80-705 cm³ (living species)	2400-2000 cm³ (fossil to present)
Age at puberty	Usually 10-13 years	Usually 13 years or older
Breeding season	Estrus at various times	Continual