

Chimpanzee Chatter

Which animals are most like humans? If chimpanzees are on your list, you're right! They're among the most intelligent creatures, and some of their communication is a lot like ours. When they play and tickle each other, they laugh, much like we do. They "talk" with sounds, facial expressions, and gestures. They scream when angry or scared and make crying sounds when upset.

Scientists have identified around 30 different chimp calls, including sounds that mean they're

excited, puzzled, or enjoying good food. Each chimp has a unique "pant-hoot" sound which they can use to identify each other. Chimpanzees also use gestures, sometimes putting several together in a sequence. Some are familiar, such as holding a hand out for a snack or beckoning someone to come over. Chimps also pat each other on the back and even hug.

Sadly, chimpanzees are endangered from threats such as loss of habitat, hunting, and disease. These great apes need our help to survive and thrive.

Find 19 chimpanzees in this African rainforest.

CHIMPANZEES CAN MAKE CALLS LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD TWO MILES* AWAY.

ADULT CHIMPS CAN BE FIVE TIMES STRONGER THAN HUMANS!

*Two miles = 3.2 km
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