

Hoshi's Adventures:

THE HUMAN RACE

Hii! I'm Hoshi, and I love adventures. I travel around Earth and space on a ship, the *Mystic Explorer*. I get to find out about amazing cultures and different ways of life.

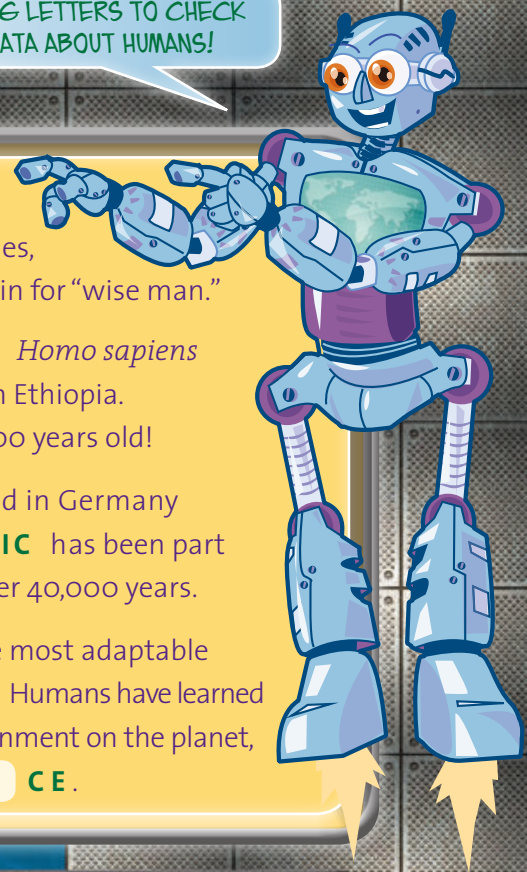
I've heard people use the word "race" to talk about groups of humans who have similar looks and ethnic backgrounds. But I've been studying this, and it turns out that all humans

are the same race—*Homo sapiens*. Scientists say the human race began in Africa almost 200,000 years ago. Big differences in skin, hair, and eye color evolved as people moved to different climates. So, people are really part of one big family.

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1. Earth's **POPULATION** is over seven billion—that's a huge family! And it could reach nine billion by 2050.
2. There are about 7,000 **LANGUAGES** on Earth. The three with the most native speakers are Chinese, Spanish, and English.
3. The human **BRAIN** is only 2% of a person's weight, but uses 20% of the body's energy.
4. All blue-eyed people have a common **ANCESTOR** who had a genetic change 6,000–10,000 years ago. Before that, everyone had brown eyes.
5. The name for the **HUMAN** species, *Homo sapiens*, is Latin for "wise man."
6. The **OLDEST** *Homo sapiens* fossils were found in Ethiopia. They're about 195,000 years old!
7. Ancient flutes found in Germany show that **MUSIC** has been part of human life for over 40,000 years.
8. *Homo sapiens* is the most adaptable mammal species ever. Humans have learned to live in every environment on the planet, and in outer **SPACE**.



Location > Earth



Species > *Homo sapiens*