

Questions about primates



Q: why do monkeys chatter?

A: Monkeys chatter to communicate with other monkeys about food or danger. They share ideas using cries and squawks.

Scientists have discovered that rhesus macaque monkeys on an island near Puerto Rico chatter to their relatives in a different way than to other monkeys. They listen carefully to their relatives and can identify them from the sounds they make. They also decide when to tell them where the best food is and when to help them if they are in danger.



a rhesus macaque monkey

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a ring-tailed
lemur

Q: Where do lemurs
come from?

A: Nearly all lemurs live on Madagascar, an island off the east coast of Africa, and the nearby Comoros Islands. There are different habitats there, so some lemurs live in tropical rainforests and others live in places that are like deserts. There are many kinds of lemurs, but most of them have long, pointed noses, so they have a very good sense of smell.

a pygmy mouse
lemur



an indri lemur

