

# Create a Primate!

## Background: Classifying primates

Scientists classify animals into groups based on their characteristics. Some scientists look at physical characteristics, while others look at DNA. All members of the primate family share a few basic characteristics: **five-fingered grasping hands**, **flat fingernails** (instead of claws), and **forward-facing eyes**.

In this activity, **create your own primate species** using the three basic characteristics of a primate. Use your imagination! First, decide what kind of habitat your primate lives in, what it eats, when it is awake, and one adaptation that it has to succeed in its environment. Does it have any predators? What do the babies look like when they're born? Get creative!

Then, make an illustration of your primate species (make sure they have the three characteristics!)

Species name:

Habitat:

Diet:

Active period:

Unique Adaptation:

Other notes from the field: