Learn to Talk Like a Chimpanzee

Instructions

Select the sounds you would like to learn about on the web site at www.discoverchimpanzees.org/elearn

Remember the meaning for each one using the definitions on this page.

Print out the sheet of messages on the next page to cut apart and place in a container for selection.

Select one of the messages from the container. Use chimpanzee vocalizations to communicate the message to another person. Can they understand you?

Try this until you have done each sound, then see if you can combine them to make more complex chimpanzee messages.

Common Vocalizations

Pant-Hoot A call with an introduction, build-up, climax, and let-down.

Pant-Grunt A submissive sound made when being approached by a higher ranking individual.

Pant-Bark A submissive sound made when being approached by a higher ranking individual. Louder and more intense than a pant-grunt.

Whimper A short, bark-like whimper.

Scream Made when angry or scared. Sounds a lot like a human scream.

Food-Grunt Made when feeding on tasty foods.

Waa When another chimpanzee is being attacked, bystanders often comment by giving "waa-barks."

Hoo Similar to a whimper. This is the sound many people first make when they are trying to act like a chimpanzee. Chimps do this to stay in contact with a friend or parent.
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Cut these chimpanzee vocalization names out along the lines and then follow the instructions on page 1 of this activity.