The Primates: Apes

Though ape and monkey are often used interchangeably in the English language, they are not the same from a scientific point of view. Apes and monkeys are known as different species, and there are several differences.

Apes
- Apes are generally larger than monkeys.
- Apes are more social and live in groups, while monkeys are more solitary.
- Apes have a longer lifespan, larger body size, and differ in their anatomy.

Monkeys
- Monkeys are smaller and more solitary.
- Monkeys are more adapted for life in trees.
- Monkeys have tails, whereas apes do not.

Understanding these differences is crucial for the study of primates. Apes and monkeys are different in many ways, and it's important to distinguish between them.

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