

**We have mobile  
shoulder joints well-  
suited to throwing and  
hunting.**

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**We blush when we're  
embarrassed.**

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**We know that we will  
die, and we are able to  
think about our own  
mortality.**

**We have forethought.**

**We can imagine the future,  
plan, forecast, and make  
decisions with a view to  
long-term consequences.**

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**We use language to  
communicate.**

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**We use tools.**

**We engage in politics.**

**We organise, govern,  
negotiate, argue,  
lobby, advocate and  
exercise power.**

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**We bury our dead and  
adorn their graves.**

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**We are capable of  
caring for each other.**

**We have opposable thumbs and other features of the hand and fingers that enable fine motor control.**

**These features enable us to use technology and engage in detailed precision work.**

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**We are made of flesh and blood, and we go through developmental stages.**

**We have a conscience  
and we have moral  
intuitions about what's  
right and wrong.**

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**We have self-control.**  
We can change our  
behavior to fit with other  
people's expectations or  
laws.

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**We make war.**

**We can think and reason logically.**

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**We have social systems like economic trade, division of labour and specialisation.**

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**We have a long childhood.**

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**We use medicine.**

**We have mostly naked  
(hairless) skin.**

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**We have a big brain.**

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**We have self awareness.**

**We are conscious of our  
own individuality and  
separateness from the  
environment and from  
other individuals.**

**We can do philosophy.**  
For instance, we can  
contemplate what makes  
humans unique among  
other animal species.

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**We have a physiology  
that enables us to  
speak** due to the location  
of the larynx and the shape  
of our mouth, tongue and  
vocal tract.



**We have free will and moral agency.**

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**We have a complex and cooperative social life.**

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**We make art.**

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**We have advanced technologies.**

**We are bipedal (we stand and walk upright). This enables us to use our hands for holding, carrying, picking up and touching. It also enables us to see from a higher vantage point than if we walked on all fours.**

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**We live in a moral community that understands moral concepts and rules.**

**We have culture.**

**We transmit knowledge  
from generation to  
generation.**

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**We have the  
'FOXP2' gene**  
(a gene we share with  
Neanderthals and  
chimpanzees), which is  
critical for the development  
of speech and language.

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**We are intelligent.**

**We are sentient.**

**We can experience pain,  
comfort, joy and suffering.**

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**We understand that  
other people have  
mental states (beliefs,  
desires, intentions  
etc) that may be  
different to our own.**

**We can use this  
understanding to  
navigate complex social  
situations.**

# **We shape our environment.**

**We cultivate land, build cities, exploit natural resources, change ecosystems, influence biodiversity, and cause climate change.**

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# **We wear clothes.**

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*Please cut along grey lines to generate card sets*

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