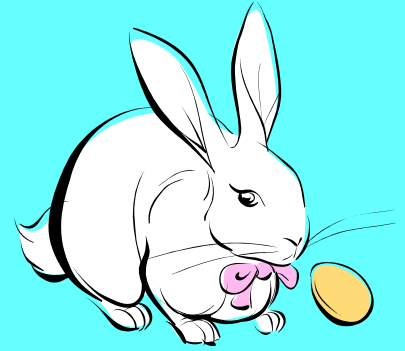
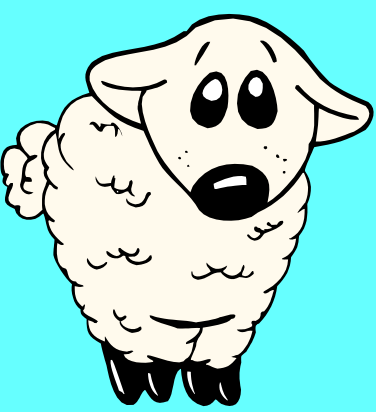
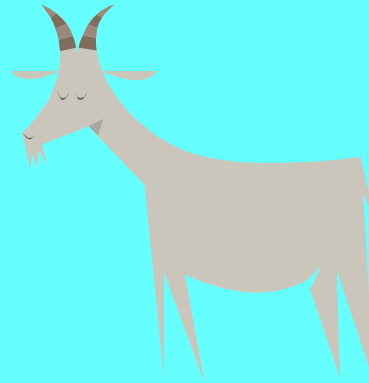




WHAT MAKES HUMANS UNIQUE?



Objectives

- Explore the differences between humans and animals.
- Be able to explain what makes humans unique.
- Know what is meant by the words conscience, soul and morality.

What makes humans unique?

- The human body is a unique and amazing thing!
- Your brain has over 100 billion nerve cells and you can remember 1 million pieces of information, including 100,000 words and over 2,000 faces!
- If you spread out all the blood vessels in your lungs in a straight line it would reach from London to New York (3000 miles!)

TASK.

- Write a list of words which describe why human beings are unique. Try to think of at least 6 words then draw a picture/symbol for each one.
- Rank your list with the most important as number 1 to the least important at number 6. Then give reasons for your most and least important.

Family

Love

Speech



What about Koko?

- [Koko clip](#)
- Watch the clip.
 1. What is unusual about Koko?
 2. Do you think Koko is unique?
 3. Is Koko the same as a human?



Animals are not the same as people. Monkeys and Apes (like Koko) share 99% of the same DNA as a person.

Many apes like chimpanzees and gorillas can make and use tools and can communicate in complicated ways.

Koko obviously has 'feelings' and can communicate ideas like love and even the wish for a baby of her own to care for. This makes us think that an animal like Koko could be almost human.

However, there are still some important differences. Animals do not seem to question why we are here and what we should and should not do. It is hard to know if Koko even wonders about this at all!



Key Words

Write down meanings for the following words.

SOUL =

CONSCIENCE =

MORALITY =

Key Words.

Write down meanings for the following words.

SOUL = The spiritual centre of a person that survives death.

CONSCIENCE = The voice inside which tells us right from wrong.

MORALITY = A set of rules which are good to live by.

Human or Animal.

Draw out the table and then put the words in the right column. Can any fit in more than one column?

Human	Animal	Not sure

Emotion\$
Conscience
Body
Personality
Soul
Religious belief
Intelligence
Brain
Language
Morality
Communication

TASKS

1. Use everything you have learned – including all the ‘human’ words to write a paragraph about what makes humans unique.
2. ‘What makes humans unique?’ One man who tried to answer this was a philosopher called Rene Descartes. He famously wrote, ‘I think therefore I am!’
 - a) What do you think he means by this?
 - b) What do you think of this view? Give reasons for your answers.

What about you?

**Look at your human list of words.
On paper draw a picture of you in
the centre of your paper and on it
write down as many labels about
what makes you unique.**