

Unit 10: Animals: How Human?

Text Building — Paraphrasing

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Exercise: Paraphrase the excerpts from text “Chimpanzees: Our closest relative” in your own words (Source: Schmitt, D, & Schmitt, N. (2005). *Animals: How human?* In D. Schmitt & N. Schmitt (Eds.), *Focus on vocabulary* (1st ed., pp. 212-213). White Plains, NY: Pearson). Do not forget to acknowledge the source correctly in your paraphrase.

1. Research relating to language and other skills is forcing us to revise our understanding of primate capabilities and to examine more carefully the evolutionary links between them and us.

2. Humans have always had a special interest in apes because of our intrinsic similarities. We have, nonetheless, continued to regard apes as separate from ourselves and in so doing justify our domination over them and all the rest of the animal kingdom.

3. The emphasis on the mind as a symbol of the difference between species became even stronger after genetic research revealed that humans and chimpanzees share 98.6 percent of the same DNA.
