

Snow Monkey Family Tree – How to Play & Answers

An activity which challenges the pupils to use and interpret various forms of information and therefore learn about the hierarchy within a Japanese macaque troop and also about Japanese family names.

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3 Information cards & 1 Question card


Family Tree - Information Card 1

Family names when talking about your family:		
father	ちち	chichi
mother	はは	haha
older brother	あに	ani
older sister	あね	ane
younger sister	いもうと	imooto
younger brother	おとうと	otooto
grandfather	そふ	sofu
grandmother	そぼ	sobo

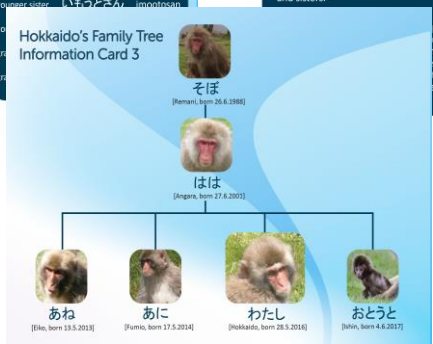
Family Tree - Information Card 2

The snow monkeys live in troops. Female snow monkeys spend their whole lives in their original troop. Most male snow monkeys move from one troop to another.

The troop is usually formed around a group of closely related females which may contain mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, nieces, female cousins and sisters.



Hokkaido's Family Tree Information Card 3



Family Tree - Question Card

1. How many brothers does Hokkaido have?
2. How many sisters does Hokkaido have?
3. What is the name of Hokkaido's younger brother?
4. Does Hokkaido have a younger sister?
5. When was Hokkaido's grandmother born?
6. What is the name of Hokkaido's mother?

Answers:

1. How many brothers does Hokkaido have? **2 [Fumio & Ishin]**
2. How many sisters does Hokkaido have? **1 [Eiko]**
3. What is the name of Hokkaido's younger brother? **Ishin**
4. Does Hokkaido have a younger sister? **No**
5. When was Hokkaido's grandmother born? **26th June 1988**
6. What is the name of Hokkaido's mother? **Angara**

Additional information

Hokkaido's family

RZSS Highland Wildlife Park

[Information as at November 2017]

Hokkaido's grandmother, Remani was the alpha female until she died in 2011, aged 23 years. Snow monkeys can live between 20 and 30 years. Angara inherited the rank and is currently the alpha female of the troop. Eiko, Angara's daughter will inherit the rank from her.

The troop's alpha male is currently Cornuje, born 15th May 2000. He will remain in this position until the troop decides otherwise.

Other mothers and ladies in the troop:

Andjoe was a first time mother to her daughter Emi and they are inseparable. She spends a lot of her time around Reshu and Angara. Occasionally she tries to chase Angara away and finds herself in trouble with the boss male, Cornuje. Although her daughter is almost three, she still gets carried around like a new-born baby, always on her undercarriage and never on her back.

Zokky is the older sister to Andjoe. She is never far away from her sister, as her sister is quite high ranking in the troop and this is good protection for Zokky. She was a first time mum at 14 years old but unfortunately he died in the summer of 2016. In 2017 she gave birth to Lori.

Mang is a slender female. She is mum to two girls, Demiyah and Fuji and one boy, Hattori. He is still clinging on to her when travelling. She likes to groom her youngsters thoroughly and often causes bald spots on the young ones due to over grooming.

Aimi is a very confident female and although her mother was low ranking, Aimi has moved up the social scale. Aimi is a first time mum and her daughter is called Gen. Gen has been over groomed by her mother and looks a bit rough and bald in places.



Mang



Aimi

Other mothers and ladies in the troop (continued):

Djungal is a very heavy set female with three young. Den, the oldest is female. Furikawa and Honshu are male. Her first son, Furi (for short) is becoming more independent, but her youngest son Honshu is always close to her. She has a very stocky build and can often be mistaken for one of the males.

Demiyah is the oldest daughter of Mang and older sister to Fuji. Mang over-grooms her youngsters and so Demiyah has a bald spot on her left temple. In 2017 she gave birth to Iyona and they are always together.



Demiyah & Iyona

Dalila is the younger sister to Aimi. She has very dark cheek fur and is just as grumpy as her sister Aimi. She hangs around with all of the youngsters.

Den is the oldest youngster of Djungal. She is the most confident of all of the youngsters and she hangs around a lot with Cornuje. She has green eyes and dark-ish brown cheeks. She is the largest of her peer group. She was a first time mum in 2016 to Hayami.



Den & Hayami

Eiko is the only daughter of Angara and will eventually take over as the dominant female. She is very confident and independent.

The boys in the troop:

Reshu is the 2nd in command of the troop and therefore has a lot of respect from most individuals. He is Angara's brother. When fights break out amongst the females, Reshu acts as a babysitter and takes care of all the kids. He is the most aggressive of the whole troop and often looks very angry.

Namak is one of the lower ranking boys. He spends a lot of his time chasing and sparring with Mika and Chakar. When sitting alone he sometimes sits with his tongue out.

Mika is 8 years old and is the most confident out of the lower ranking boys. He likes to chase and spar with Namak. He likes to spend time with his older sister, Mang. He has a very prominent brow line so he looks like he is frowning a lot. He could potentially be the next troop leader.

Chakar is the lowest ranking macaque within the entire troop. Chakar spends a lot of time on his own to keep out of trouble. Although he does occasionally spar with the other boys. He is always the first to call out when he spots that it is feeding time.

Daiki is Angara's eldest son so he gets away with a lot of mischief and is well looked after by the other boys.

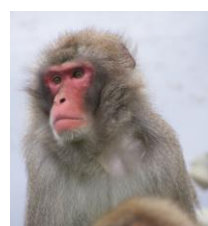
Fumio is 2 years old. He is Angara's second eldest son. He follows his older brother Daiki. Both the boys are becoming very independent from their mother.



Cornuje (alpha male)



Namak



Mika