

# TAKEHOME



**What is the most important form of communication?**



## In the news this week

Humans can understand other apes' common methods of sign language, scientists have just discovered. Researchers at the University of St Andrews in Scotland have found that people can comprehend the meaning of signals apes, such as wild chimps and bonobos, use to communicate with each other. The scientists' video-based study asked volunteers to interpret the gestures from clips of various apes and choose from a list of potential translations.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you make a list of all of the different ways that you communicate with others at home?
- > Were you surprised to learn humans can understand apes? Do you feel that you can communicate with animals, e.g., pets at home?

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