

Definition

*What does it mean?*

Morphology/Origins (breaking down the word)

**WORD OF**

**THEORY**

**THE WEEK**

Synonyms

*Expand your vocabulary!*

In a sentence

*How may you use it?*

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**Charles Darwin**  
An English naturalist who came up with the theory of evolution by natural selection after observing how animals had adapted to survive in the remote Galapagos Islands.

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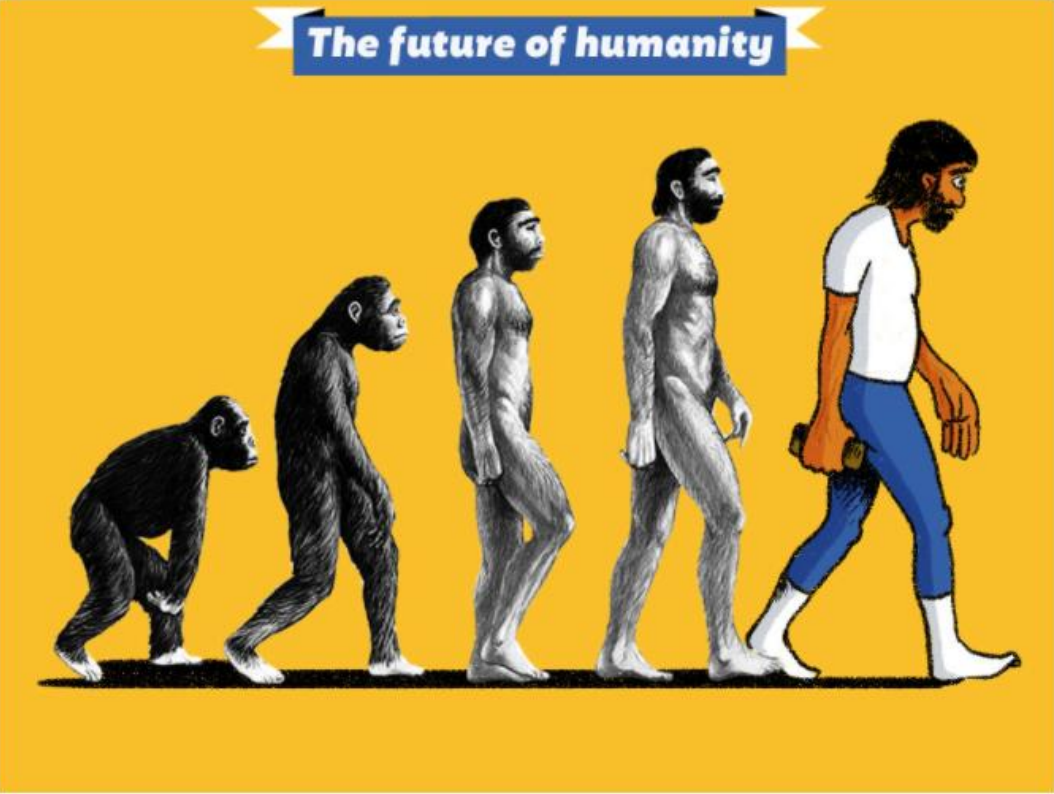
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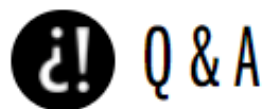
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### The future of humanity



Next stage: Many babies born today have extra bones in their feet but no wisdom teeth.

Will humans ever stop evolving? For years, academics believed Homo sapiens had reached their final form. But now stunning new research suggests the human body is changing faster than ever.



**Q: What do we know?**

A: Today, it is generally agreed that modern humans evolved from apelike ancestors in Africa, and that every person alive today can trace their genetic ancestry to that continent. The theory of evolution itself was first proposed in the 19th century by Charles Darwin, who suggested that species gradually change over time due to the process of natural selection. The idea contradicted the commonly held Christian belief at the time that God created all of the animals and plants that live on Earth.

**Q: What do we not know?**

A: One main area of debate surrounds how humans might evolve in the future. Some academics believe technological innovations might make the most difference to human life. Professor Braden Allenby, an environmental engineer, argues that artificial intelligence and gene editing technology means that the human body is already a design space. Others, like geneticist Gerald Crabtree of Stanford University, worry that humans may already have reached an intellectual peak more than 2,000 years ago.



# YOU DECIDE

1. Is the human body perfect in its current form?
2. How would the world be different if other human species, such as Neanderthals, had not become extinct?
3. What do you think humans will look like in the year 3000?
4. What's your opinion of the **theory** of evolution?