

## Video: Orangutan mimics human speech for first time

An orangutan has shown an ability to emulate human speech for the first time — a feat that gets us closer to understanding how [human speech first evolved](#) from the [communications of ancestral great apes](#).

“This opens up the potential for us to learn more about the vocal capacities of early hominids that lived before the split between the orangutan and human lineages to see how the vocal system evolved towards full-blown speech in humans,” says lead researcher Adriano Lameria, from the University of Durham, UK.

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