



You have acquired traits of non-human primates. While your population does not go extinct, this path leads to modern apes, such as chimps and gorillas.

Enjoy the bananas . . .

**Go back to "The Missing Link" and start over.**

## The Prehistoric Human Race

# DNA

The theoretical family tree on this game board is based on a theory developed by Benard Wood. Other scientists believe our family tree looks different. To learn more about the theories, visit [www.becominghuman.org](http://www.becominghuman.org).

Proceed without answering a question.



*Paranthropus boisei*

Dead End

Scientists still debate which of the early hominids are the ancestors of later humans. For the purpose of this game only the descendants of *Homo habilis* survive.

If you landed on *Paranthropus boisei*, *Paranthropus robustus*, or *Homo rudolfensis* go back to "The Missing Link" and start over.

Proceed without answering a question.



*Paranthropus robustus*

A, C, G



*Homo rudolfensis*

Any roll



*Homo habilis*



*Homo ergaster*

T



*Homo erectus*



Close, but you don't inherit the earth. While Neandertals were our closest cousins, they went extinct 30,000 years ago. In 1997, Svante Paabo's group used mitochondrial (mt) DNA evidence to show that Neandertals did not contribute significantly to modern human mt DNA.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
 You have become a fully evolved human. In less than 50,000 years your small population from Africa will spread throughout the globe and give rise to over six billion unique individuals who can travel to the moon, build super computers and study their own genetic organs.

**Dead End**

While members of *Homo erectus* were far more human like than any of the earlier hominids, they formed a very diverse and wide-spread species. *Homo erectus* is now thought to be a side branch of the human evolution.

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