## **Exercise 07** • Evolution & Development

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## Goals

1. To practice thinking and reasoning critically about how evolutionary perspectives can inform understanding about psychological phenomena.

## Activity

Answer the following questions in a few short sentences:

- 1. What feature(s) of the human brain are similar to closely related animals (e.g., mammals and especially primates)?
- 2. What feature(s) of the human brain distinguish it from these closely related animals?
- 3. Why is it especially hard to tie changes in human brain structure to particular human psychological characteristics?

Answer the following question in a paragraph or two:

4. Consider a psychological domain that interests you, is an evolutionary perspective useful? Why or why not?

## Submission details

- Submit your write-up by Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 11:59 pm.
- If you work with other people, please indicate the name(s) of your co-authors in your document. You need not include them in the document file name, however.
- If you found any resources that were especially useful to you in answering these questions, please cite them.