

# Are you sometimes an ape?

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“Ape” (simio) you may know. However, the word has other uses.

An ape can be a clumsy (torpe) person, and “to ape” someone is to imitate the person’s speech or behaviour. Examine these examples:

- Mr. Sanchez took his children to the zoo to see the apes (los simios) and zebras.
- Don’t be an ape (patosa)!
- In the film Mr. Bean aped (imitó) Mr. Zapatero, the Spanish Prime Minister.
- Children often ape (...a menudo remedan a...) their parents.

So you can be an ape, you can visit apes and ape a mortal’s behaviour.