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n. pl. **han·u·mans**

Any of various terrestrial monkeys of the genus *Semnopithecus* of southern Asia, having a gray body and a black face. Also called *gray langur*.

[Hindi *hanumān*, from Sanskrit *Hanumān*, a monkey-god in Hindu mythology, from *hanumān*, having a large jaw, from *hanu*, jaw; see **genu-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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