

# New human species discovered in South Africa

The fossilised remains of a new human-like species have been discovered in a burial chamber deep in a cave system in South Africa



## HOMO NALEDI:

Tiny brain, and primitive pelvis and shoulders similar to prehuman group *australopithecines*.

Classified in *Homo* genus, to which modern humans belong, because of more progressive shape of skull, small teeth, long legs and modern-looking feet

**Dinaledi chamber:** Situated 90m from cave entrance and accessible through chute just 18cm wide

CUTAWAY OF  
RISING STAR  
CAVE

Entrance

10m  
30ft

1,450m above sea level

**Fossil site:** Hundreds of bones of at least 15 individual skeletons found. *Homo Naledi* appear to have deposited individuals in chamber, suggesting they were capable of ritual behaviour

Rising Star  
cave

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