

What can you see?



I can see a...
I can see an...

Inquiry 1: Generalization from understand: people use different modes of language to communicate ideas.

Concepts: Meaning, language mode

Study these words



written language



movement



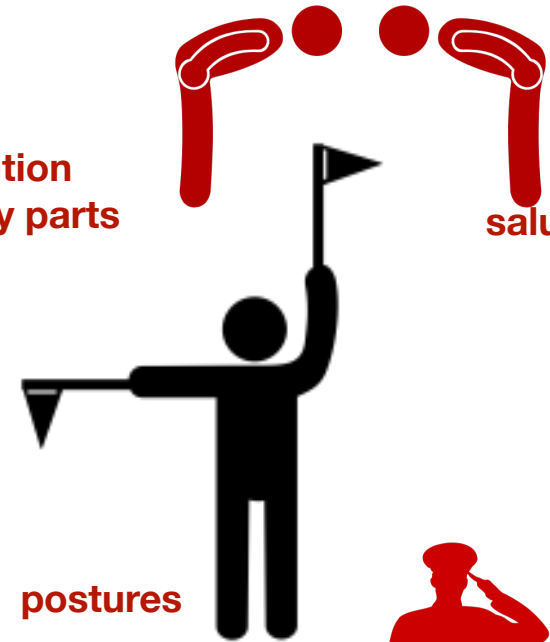
spoken language



sign language



position of body parts

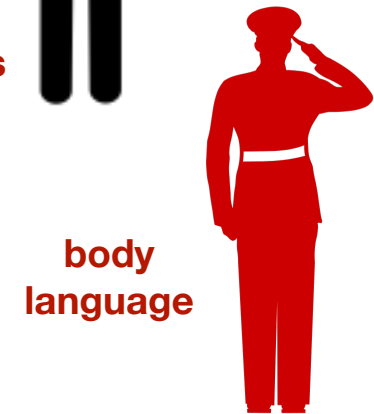


postures

salutations



gestures



body language

Inquiry 1: Generalization from understand:
language users structure ideas in different ways to
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Concepts: Meaning, structure

What do
people use to
communicate?

What do
animals use to
communicate?

People communicate **through...**

Animals communicate **through...**

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Inquiry 2: Generalization from understand:
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What can people do that animals can't?



People

can

speak
tell stories

Animals

can't

sing
imitate others
write
create art

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Do animals have a language?



Animals

have a language

don't have a language

because

they

can

can't

- speak
- tell stories
- sing
- imitate others
- write
- create art
- lie
- repeat what others say

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Inquiry 3: Generalization from respond:

Readers use relevant examples from the texts they consume as models to structure ideas.

Concepts: relevant examples, meaning, model

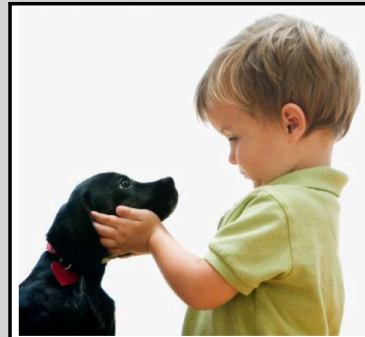
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Do animals have a language?

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Researchers say that animals, non-humans, do not have a true language like humans. However, they do communicate with each other through sounds and gestures. Animals have a number of qualities they use to show their feelings, but these are not like the words we hear in the human language. Human children show these same forms of communication when they are babies, when crying, for example. But they slowly learn the words of the language and use this as form of communication.

If we separate human children at birth away from their parents, they would not learn the words of the language and would not be able to communicate with other humans. They would only use sounds and gestures as their primary form of communication. However, in the animal kingdom if they are reared alone from birth they are still able to behave and communicate in the same way as other species of their kind.



So what about animals such as dogs that understand commands or birds that can "talk"? Dogs can be trained to follow certain commands such as 'sit', 'come' and 'roll over', but does this mean they understand language and therefore can use it as well? Dogs are known to be experts at reading their owners intentions and that they do not respond to actual words but the tone in which it is said. So if you say "bad dog" in a cheerful tone, the dog will wag its tail. If you say "good dog" in a harsh tone, the dog will put his tail in between his legs. Birds that are in captivity are known to be able to "talk"- some communication experts believe that these exchanges of only represent a cause-effect response and are not similar to human dialogue.

There is no doubt that animals communicate with each other to one degree or another in response to different needs such as hunger or fear. Human language is creative and consists of unique characteristics that give us the ability to engage in complex and analytical ways. So can we conclude that animals do not have a true language like humans, since people use language for a variety of things other than just communicating simple needs?

Do you think animals can lie?

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A colorful advertisement for 'PET GROOMING' and 'PET SHOP'. The 'PET GROOMING' section lists services like 'Full body grooming', 'Nail clipping', 'Ear cleaning', and 'Teeth brushing'. The 'PET SHOP' section lists 'Dog food', 'Cat food', 'Pet toys', and 'Pet accessories'. The background is decorated with various pet-related icons.

A promotional poster for a 'PET SHOP MEGA SALE'. It features a 'SPECIAL OFFER' of '50% OFF' and a 'SHOP NOW' button. The text says 'ON ENTIRE STORE LIMITED TIME OFFER'. The background is yellow and orange with images of pet products.

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Inquiry 3: Generalization from respond:

Readers relate the meaning of different communication elements to understand the meaning of a text.

Concepts: convention, meaning, text type

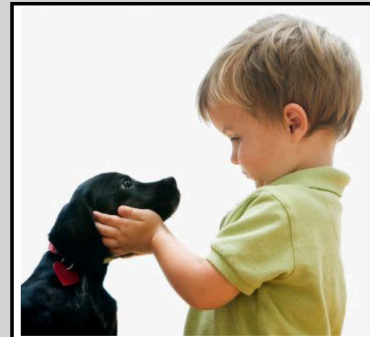
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Inquiry 4: Generalization from understand: (review)
people use different modes of language to communicate ideas.

Concepts: Meaning, language mode

What word am I defining?

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Apology

Agreement

Disagreement

Empathy

Wishes

Needs

Orders

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