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Chapter 15: Communication and Language Questions

1. What are the various ways in which animals (including humans) communicate? How is human language open while other animals basically have closed systems of communication?

2. How is body movement used in animal communication?

3. What is a "pidgin"?

4. What is a "Creole Language"? What is Derek Bickerton's argument based on Creole Languages?

5. What are the stages of acquisition of language by children? Why do children all over the world tend to progress to the same stages at the same ages?

6. When we say that communication is symbolic, what do we mean?