

Initiation à la linguistique anglaise | Noam Chomsky and Universal Grammar

Compréhension orale | Fill in the blanks

Language *.....*. Other animals *.....* but they *.....* anything approaching the sophisticated *.....* of human languages. How is it that we learn to speak and think in language so easily? *.....* become adept in a new language very *.....*.

Since the *.....*, thinkers have argued about whether or not we have *.....*, whether or not *.....* knowing things as Plato [Platon] believed, or rather as John Locke and other empiricists argued: 'The man is a blank slate on which *.....* writes.

An *.....*, Noam Chomsky, *.....* to this debate in the *.....* by demonstrating that children learning to speak just don't have enough information to form the complex *.....* maneuvers that allow them to generate *.....* new and original *.....*. Yet, they do so with *.....*. There is a poverty of stimulus. Something else *.....*. Chomsky's Hypothesis was that there are *.....* in our *.....* - what he called a *.....* (or LAD) – which gives us a *.....* propensity to organize the spoken language that we hear in various *.....* ways. Without that, we couldn't get started as language learners.

If he is right, language is *.....* as a kind of *.....*. Our slate has been written on before we emerge from the *.....*.



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