

1. Animals can communicate with each other using complex grammar.
2. Children learn a new language quickly.
3. John Locke believed that we are born knowing things.
4. Noam Chomsky demonstrated that children have enough information to form complex grammatical maneuvers.
5. There is a poverty of stimulus in language learning.
6. Chomsky's hypothesis was that there are no inborn structures in our brain.
7. Chomsky called the inborn structure in our brain a language acquisition device.
8. Without the language acquisition device, we couldn't get started as language learners.
9. Language structure is not hardwired as a kind of universal grammar.
10. Our slates have been written on before we emerge from the womb.