

Scanning Practice

Time: 5 minutes

ANSWER KEY
The Language Instinct

Scan the following text very quickly to locate answers to the following questions and then answer yes (Y) or no (N) to each of them.

Questions

1. Is language distinct from more general abilities of processing information? [Y]
2. Does the writer think that language is an instinct? [Y]
3. Is language similar to spiders weaving webs? [Y]
4. Is language different culturally than standing upright? [N]
5. Do young children have the same general capacity both in grammar and the visual arts? [N]
6. Do bats use Boppler sonar? [N]
7. Does our language ability make us superior to other animals and their talents? [N]

Vocabulary

8. Find an adjective starting with c which means 'how people think and understand'. **cognitive**
9. Find the verb which describes what spiders do to create webs. **spin**
10. Give the scientific name for humans. **homo sapiens**
11. Find a noun beginning with c which describes the stars in the sky. **constellations**
12. Find the verb which means 'to breathe out'. **exhale**