
From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2015 3:01 PM
To: Noam Chomsky
Subject: Re:

More importantly your dishes will soon be well organized =br> On Monday, 2 November 2015, Noam Chomsky

I don't see how his elaborate=efforts go beyond what had been done long before, using primitive technolo=y: recording. It gets a lot of data, but doesn't tell us much.

The particular topic that seems to in=erest him – what's called “motherese” in t=e literature (the way parents talk to children) – has been studied=pretty carefully, notably by Lila Gleitman, the best psycholinguist in the modern period, I =hink (and an old friend). There doesn't seem to be much to i=. And it's known that children develop language normally und=r all sorts of circumstances, including conditions very much unlike the ultra-nurturing ones that Roy is investigation. E.g., wit= no input, as in the cases I mentioned.

And the results about words can =99t be right. At peak periods of language growth, children are picki=g them up at rate of about one per waking hour.

Noam

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Sent: Sunday, November 01, 2015 11:57 PM
To: Noam Chomsky <
Subject: Re:

i thought you might have an idea of how to do an exp=riment. given the new tech

On Sun, Nov 1, 2015 at 9:54 PM, Noam Chomsky <
wrote:

I rarely watch video, but did go thro=gh the first 10 minutes. Underwhelmed.

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Sent: Sunday, November 01, 2015 6:03 PM

To: Noam Chomsky <>

Subject:

fist 10 minutes are interesting =A0

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