







- importance for early man



inductive generalization

pattern recognition



THINKING CATEGORICALLY

- Humans are hardwired to think **categorically**.
- The most obvious reason is the **importance for early man** of determining whether a footprint was that of a deadly saber-tooth tiger or a potentially life-giving ancient antelope.
- Human intelligence specializes in **pattern recognition** and **inductive generalization**, which is “messy, inconsistent, and often quite ‘illogical’ in a strictly deductive sense.”
- We take mental short-cuts and “**satisfice**.”

SCHEMAS TO FLIGHT-AND-FIGHT

