



Australopithecus robustus

Homo habilis

Homo erectus

Homo sapiens neanderthalensis

Homo sapiens sapiens

UNIQUE

humans

OUR UNIQUE LANGUAGE

- Our language is amazingly abstract and rich.
- We can connect a limited number of sounds and signs to produce an infinite number of sentences, each with a distinct meaning.
- The most important information that needed to be conveyed was about other **humans**, not about lions and bison. (Many other animal languages do that.)
- Our language evolved as a way of gossiping.

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GOSSIP AS INFORMATION



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