



The World of Languages
and Languages of the World

Language Detective

Let's investigate how people communicate.

Objectives

- We can see that our bodies are made to communicate.
- We can understand that language separates us from other animals.
- We can become language detectives to investigate how our friends and family communicate in different ways.



Let's go!

Can you remember...

- What language is written under the hippo and what the word means?
- What the literal translation of "hippopotamus" is?
- A word in another language that means "river"?
- Why WoLLoW is being taught?



ἵπποπόταμος
WoLLoW the HiPPo

Think of
five words
that spring
to mind
when you
think of
language.

1

2

3

4

5



Were any of these on your list? What can you add to the grid?

Voice	Talk	Chat
Tongue	Shout	Words



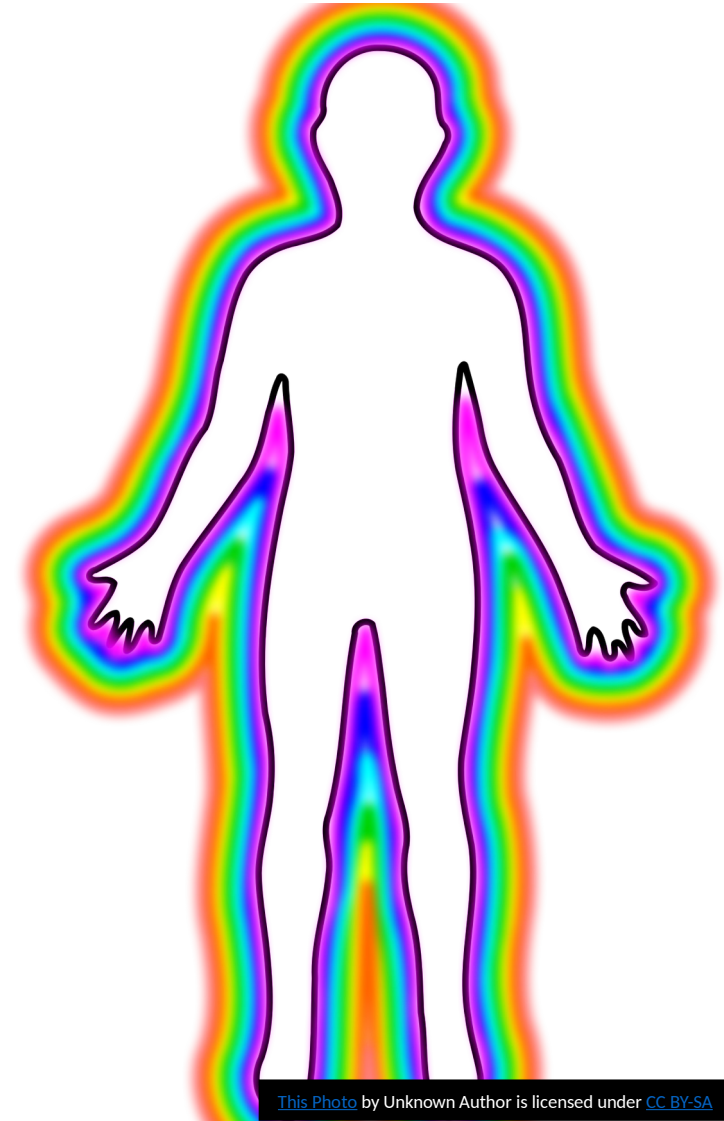
It is part of being human

- Who in the class knows a young child who is just learning a language?
- **You are our experts!**
- How old are these children?
- What are they saying now or doing?
- How do they communicate?



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Label this body with the bits you think you use for communicating.

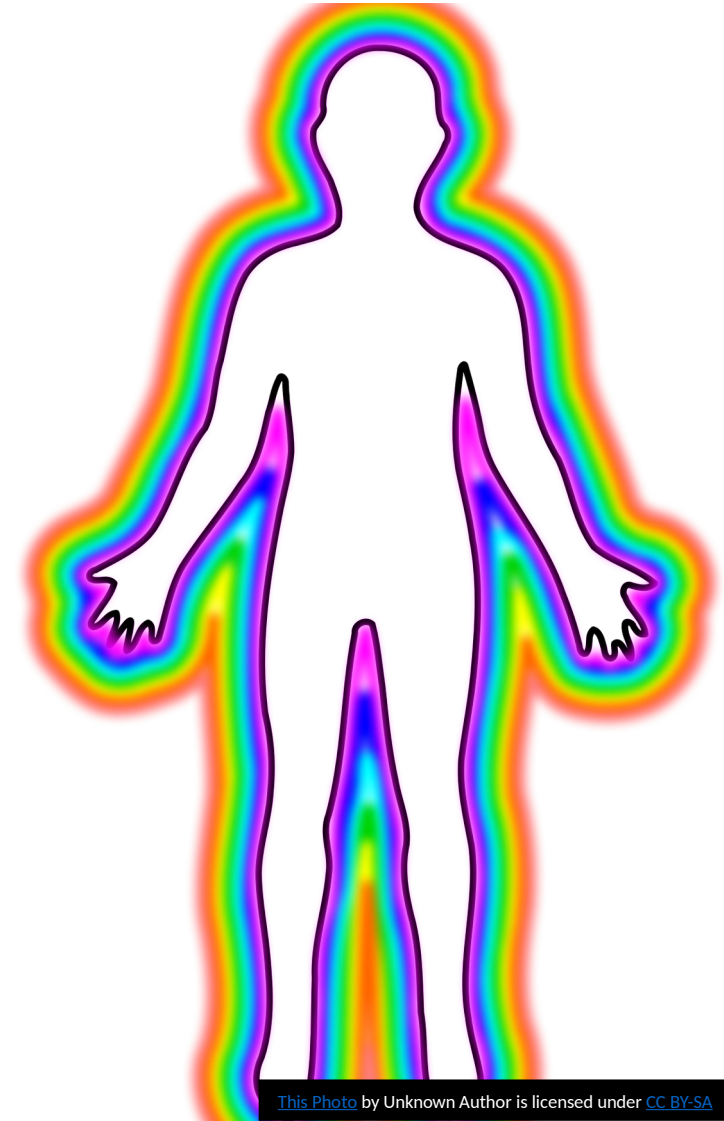


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You could have labelled...

- Brain
- Ears
- Eyes
- Mouth
- Lips
- Tongue
- Throat
- Breath
- Face
- Hands
- Fingers
- Shoulders



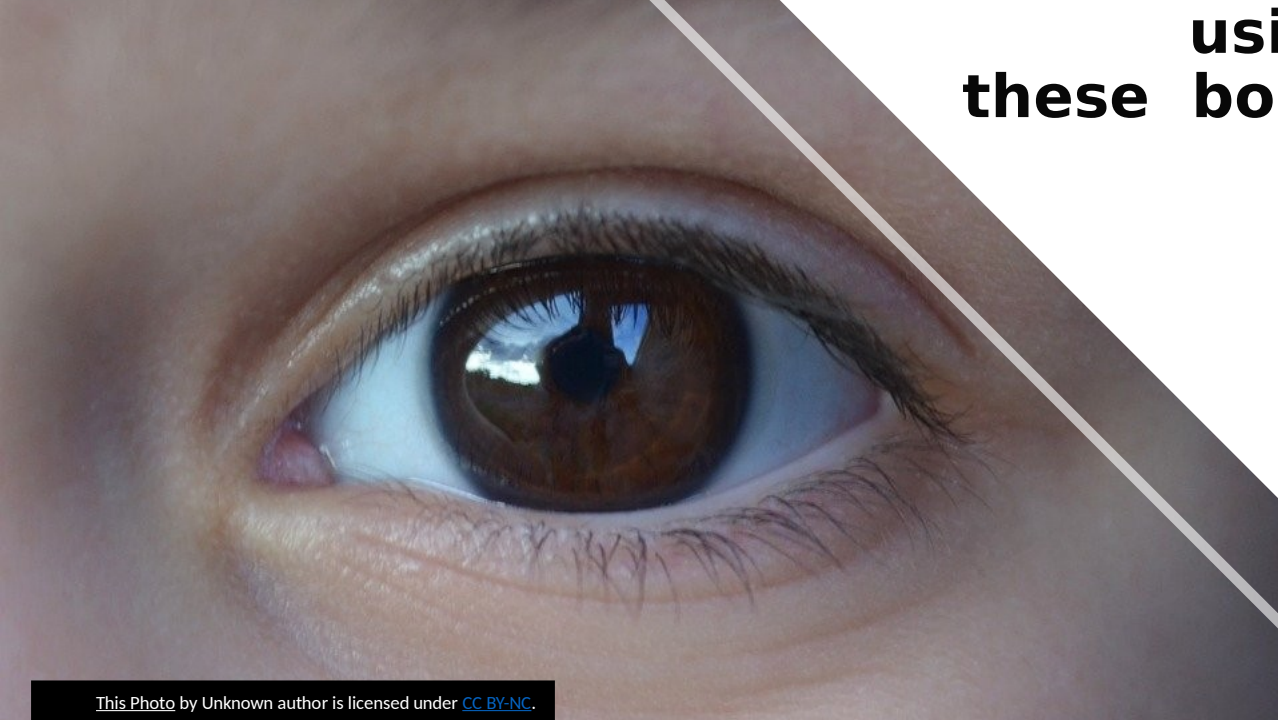
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**Show us how you
would communicate
using
these body parts.**



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Do animals have language?

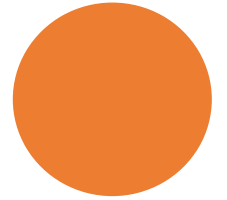
Who has a pet?

Talk to you partner about how your pet communicates with you.

Can you think of three ways your pet shows you what they want?

Can they understand you?

If you don't have a pet, choose an animal you like or know.



Let's investigate! Be curious! Be a language detective!

Have a three-minute chat with a friend.

What words do your friends choose?

What are their sentences like?

Do they ask questions?

What gestures do they use?

Do they laugh, smile, use facial expressions and body language?

Are they loud or quiet?



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WoLLow the HiPPo

So, why should we learn languages and all about language?

- It helps us discover what it means to be human. (Jurafsky)
- It helps us communicate our thoughts and feelings.
- It helps us appreciate the similarities and differences between us.
- And it's fun!



Can you add any other ideas to the list?



WoLLoW would like to know...



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- 5 ways in which you communicate
- What is unique about how **you** communicate?
- In the playground, watch a good friend. How do they communicate whilst playing?
- Walking home, listen to the people around you. Can you hear other languages being spoken?
- This evening, watch your parents or carers. How are they using language? Do they use body language?

