Talking times & possibilities

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Displacement

- Charles Hockett in 1960 enumerates a number of *design features of human language* which are meant to characterise human language to the exclusion of animal communication systems
- One of these, DISPLACEMENT, refers to our ability to communicate about things outside the HERE & NOW
    - **Spatial**
    - **Temporal**
    - **Modal**