

Animal Communication

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Introduction to Linguistics

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Primate studies

Can language be taught to apes, even though it does not occur naturally?

- Early studies
- Nim Chimsky
- Koko