

Episode Sixty-Seven - Did The Gods Wake Up One Day To Create The Universe?

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That observation that children learn language so much more easily than adults almost certainly has to be true. I didn't read the full article but did see this:

Dr. Vyshedskiy explains:

"To understand the importance of PFS, consider these two sentences: "A dog bit my friend" and "My friend bit a dog." It is impossible to distinguish the difference in meaning using words or grammar alone, since both words and grammatical structure are identical in these two sentences. Understanding the difference in meaning and appreciating the mistfortune of the 1st sentence and the humor of the 2nd sentence depends on the listener's ability to juxtapose the two mental objects: the friend and the dog. Only after the PFC forms the two different images in front of the mind's eye, are we able to understand the difference between the two sentences. Similarly, nested explanations, such as "a snake on the boulder to the left of the tall tree that is behind the hill," force listeners to use PFS to combine objects (a snake, the boulder, the tree, and the hill) into a novel scene. Flexible object combination and nesting (otherwise known as recursion) are characteristic features of all human languages. For this reason, linguists refer to modern languages as recursive languages."

Maybe he's talking loosely there in referring to "mental images" but does this relate to our recent discussions about whether the mind stores pictures into memory?

Probably along the way of things to try to flesh out, the "memory" issue is also a big one, along with the question of what is stored (whether it's pictures, or something we simply perceive as pictures, or something else).