

Tekst 9

I write about thinking in no language at all

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- David Werdegar suggests we should redefine knowledge to include the non-language-based thought processes that are presumably used by animals but not, he supposes, by humans (Letters, 29 April). I suggest that the perception of thinking in language arises in humans simply because, from a very early age, we know we are likely to have to verbalise a thought to share it with someone else, and so the brain just does it automatically all the time, <u>35</u>
- I don't believe my personal stock of knowledge is affected by which language I'm speaking. I recall seeing some magnificent riveted girder-work and thinking, in German, since I'd been over there for some weeks, "that's a fine piece of... ummm... er...." The concept was completely clear in my mind, in no language at all.
- 3 And a picture often is worth a thousand words.

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- 1p 35 Which of the following fits the gap in paragraph 1?
 - A enabling even young children to make use of sentence patterns.
 - **B** evoking the processes needed for language comprehension.
 - **c** giving the appearance of needing language to think.
 - **D** providing a solid basis for abstract thinking.

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