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Precis:

Humans are grouped under homosapiens but some named homo faber-the smith. Man is an efficient doer and knower because he is also a talker. Man would be similar to the chimpanzee, if he cannot talk. If he has high intellect, but no language, then he would be self-centered and frustrated all the time. Language shapes a true human being through accumulation of knowledge and its expressions, which lead to the birth of civilization. (68 words)

Title:

Language : A ~~pathway~~ pathway to civilization

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**Q1. Make a précis of the given passage, also give a suitable heading": (20)**

'The official name of our species is homo sapiens; but there are many anthropologists who prefer to think of man as homo Faber-the smith, the maker of tools It would be possible. I think, to reconcile these two definitions in a third. If man is a knower and an efficient doer, it is only because he is also a talker In order to be Faber and Sapiens, Homo must first be loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed we should be something much worse. Possessed of a high IQ but no language, we should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels- Creatures too clever to be guided by instinct, too Self-centered to live in a state of animal grace, and therefore condemned forever, frustrated and malignant, between contented ape hood and aspiring humanity. It was language that made possible the accumulation of knowledge and the broadcasting of information. It was language that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals, the codification to laws. It was language, in a word, that turned us into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

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