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Original Passage:

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 malignancy, between contented, ape-hood and aspiring humanity. It was the language that made possible the accumulation of that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals and the codification of laws. It was language, in a word,

that turned us into human beings  
and gave birth to civilization.

(191 words),

Title: Language: a basic aspect of human beings

Precis:

The official name of human  
species is Homo Sapiens while many  
anthropologists named it Homo Faber.

To unite both definitions into  
third that if man is a  
knower and doer it is just because  
he is talker. To be Faber or  
Sapien, Homo must first be talker.

Without language, human are just  
like animals. Due to language collection  
of religious beliefs, creation of  
ethical values and codification  
of laws became possible. Language  
created civilized people and civilization.

(70 words).