

Précis Writing- Exercise 5

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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 ^{talkative} loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed, it 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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Use of first person is not allowed in precis.

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The collection of language, distribution of information, declaration of religious perception, ethical ideas and evaluation of laws were made possible by language. It was the language that brought civilization into existence.

Title: 1. Significance of language
2. Existence of civilization by language.

Total Words Count: 198

Précis words : 70

Do not include examples in precis. Just write their gist.

Idea is ok. Mistakes identified.