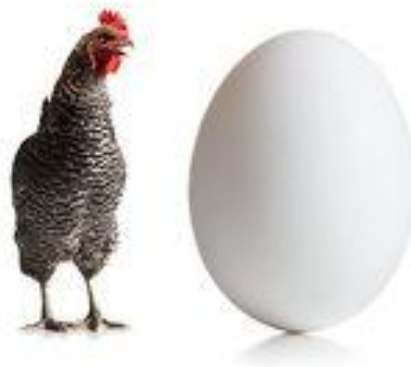


# Which Came First?



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# Egg, Chicken... Chicken, Egg

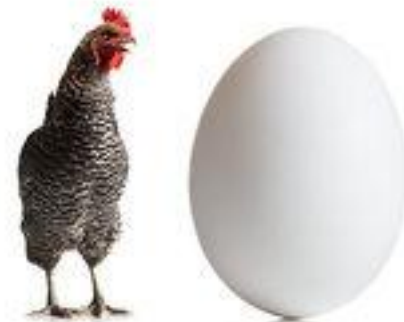
Experience  
understood

Language shared

Language attached

Experiences

Language or Experience  
First?



# With Apologies to the Researchers

## Understanding Theory of Mind

- Example stories
- Understanding mental states
- False belief concepts

mature for hearing children:  
ages 3-5

- For deaf/hh children of hearing parents, this develops much later: age 8-12



# Why ToM Matters

“She has good speech but...”

- Social Immaturity
- Emotional Understanding of Self and Others
- “Mindblindness”

Later effects:

- Lower Reading Comprehension Scores
- Higher risk for victimization

# Start at Birth

## Coaching parents

- Pretend Play
- Talking about wants and hopes
- Expressing opinions
- Narrating thoughts
- Emotional Vocabulary
- Describing misunderstandings
- Life stories/Scrapbooks



# We are more than just 😊, 😞 and 🤔

THINKING WORDS		EMOTION WORDS	
Think	Dream	Angry	Made
Know	Believe	Bad	Happy
Remember	Bet	Shy	Hate
Guess	Understand	Tired	Love
Surprise	Hope	Better	Worry
Mean	Suppose	Calm	
Forget	Trick	Fun	
Wish	Wonder	Good	
Pretend	Doubt	Like	
Figure	Lie	Sad	
Confuse	Have in mind	Scared	
Realize	Make believe	Surprise	
Other	Realize	Upset	

If we don't have the words...



# Stories don't just involve action.....

Stories also include a lot about what the characters are thinking

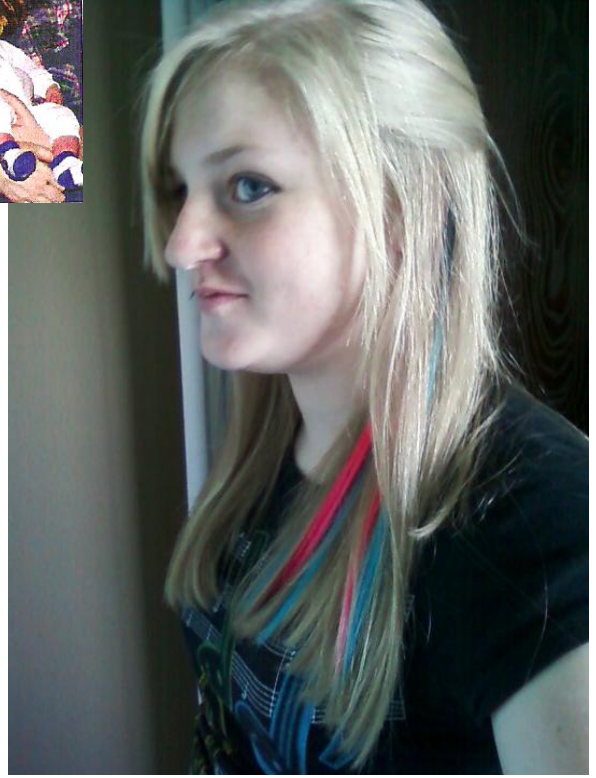
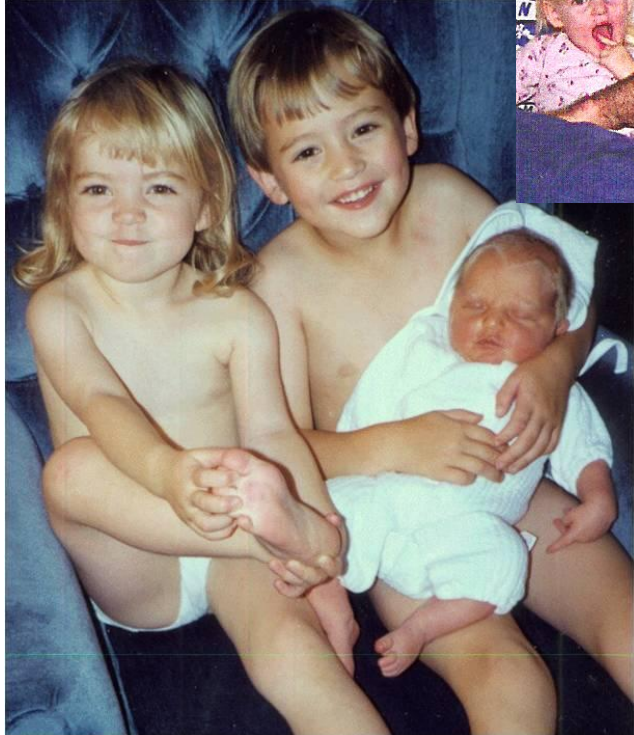
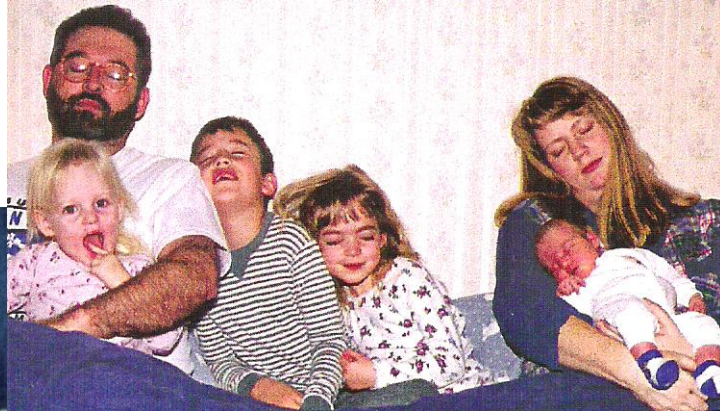
## Little Red Riding Hood

THE STORY:	ToM:
Mother asks LRRH to take food to her grandmother	Mother knows that grandmother is not able to fix her own food
The wolf gets rid of grandmother. He dresses up in her clothes.	We know that the wolf is pretending to be grandmother. We also anticipate something will happen when LRRH arrives.
A man who saw the wolf comes in. He suspected the wolf had evil intentions, so he followed him.	The man predicted the wolf would do bad things from his knowledge of how wolves think and behave.





# How Do I Teach Her about God?



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