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im not sure conveying thoughts i think concepts migh= come first. two things. vs one thing

On Tue, Dec 22= 2015 at 5:34 PM, Noam Chomsky <[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>> > wrote:  
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If I understand you correctly, it bri=gs up some very intriguing questions: is language a system for conveying t=oughts (mostly internally, to oneself, sometimes externally to others), thoughts that are created by some other systems of =ind? Or is it a system that actually constructs the thoughts. =f so, then mostly unconsciously and beyond the possibility of introspectio=. In that latter interpretation, there would be "no sense before language" – except insofar as =here is thinking of other kinds, which does not involve language. Th=t seems to me at least to be rather plausible, though how to investigate t=e matters doesn't seem clear.

As far as I can see, the only aspects=of language that could be "reflex" are acquisition and pro=essing of input, which do seem essentially reflexive – like other kinds of growth and immediate perception.

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instead of a sense making module , is it=possible that language is that module. ? no sense before=language. ? reflex only?

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