

In Chapter 2 "Chatterboxes" of *The Language Instinct*, Pinker provides several pieces of evidence supporting the idea that the human ability to acquire and use language is a biological instinct just as the spider's ability to create and use a web is.

Your assignment is to write a short essay summarizing Pinker's evidence. Describe each piece of evidence and state explicitly how it supports the language-as-instinct hypothesis.

Please type your answer. Write out your answer in essay form with complete sentences, opening and closing paragraphs, clearly stated thesis, etc. The essay should be around two type-written pages in length, though it may be more or less.