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vocabulary of three to fifty words. At three he knows about 1,000 words which he can put into sentences, and at four his language differs from that of his parents in born with the capacity to speak. What is special about man's brain, compared with that of the monkey, is the complex system which enables a child to connect the sight and feel of, say, a toy bear with the sound pattern "toy bear". And even more incredible is the young brain's ability to pick out an order in language from the mixture of sound around him, to analyse, to combine and recombine the parts of a language in new ways. But speech has to be induced, and this depends on interaction between the mother and the child, where the mother recognizes the signals in the child's babbling, grasping and smiling, and responds to them. Insensitivity of the mother to these signals dulls the interaction because the child gets discouraged and sends out only the obvious signals. Sensitivity to the child's non-verbal signals is essential to the growth and development of language.

1. The purpose of Frederick I's experiment was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. to prove that children are born with ability to speak  
B. to discover what language a child would speak without hearing any human speak  
C. to find out what role careful nursing would play in teaching a child to speak  
D. to prove that a child could be damaged without learning a language

2. The reason that some children are backward in speaking is most likely that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. they are incapable of learning language rapidly  
B. they are exposed to too much language at once  
C. their mothers respond inadequately to their attempts to speak  
D. their mothers are not intelligent enough to help them

3. What is

particularly remarkable about a child is that \_\_\_\_\_. A.he is born with the capacity to speak B.he has a brain more complex than an animal's C.he can produce his own sentences D.he owes his speech ability to good nursing

4.Which of the following can be inferred from the passage ? A.The faculty of speech is inborn in man. B.The child's brain is highly selective.

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