

Ling 101  
Discussions 1 and 5 TA: Annahita Farudi  
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### **Pinker, Chapter 1: Reading Recall**

In the first chapter of the text book, Pinker discusses several common misconceptions about human language. Try to remember as many of these as you can. Then, without looking at your book or any notes, choose the one that was most striking or interesting to you, and explain:

1. what the misconception is
2. whether or not you shared this misconception before doing the reading, and
3. how your views changed (or not) after doing the reading and attending the first week of lecture