A response to Herbert Terrace's paper Linguistic apes.
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AB Comments that the analysis of H. Terrace et al (see record 1981-00553-001) Nim chimpanzees does not yet indicate evidence of apes' use of syntax. To exhibit such competency, apes must use their signs or symbols as representations of referents. It is suggested that research should concentrate on the processes whereby responses come to function as words.