Requisites of symbolic communication: or Are words for birds?

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AB Argues that R. Epstein et al's (1980) study of symbolic communication (SC) between 2 pigeons should not be likened to the authors', E. S. Savage-Rumbaugh et al (see record 1980-00440-001), study of SC between 2 chimpanzees. Detailed comparisons are made between Ss, methods, and experimental procedures. It is concluded that behaviors obtained in both studies are only superficially similar and that the underlying communication processes are markedly different.