

Human language vs animal communication system

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Similarity and distinction between animal and human language



Human language

open system with an
almost unlimited reserve of
signals, whereas the
quantity of signals in
language of animals is
small



Animal languages

**forms of non-human animal
communication that show
similarities to human language**

**Includes visual, olfactory
and auditory
communication channels.**

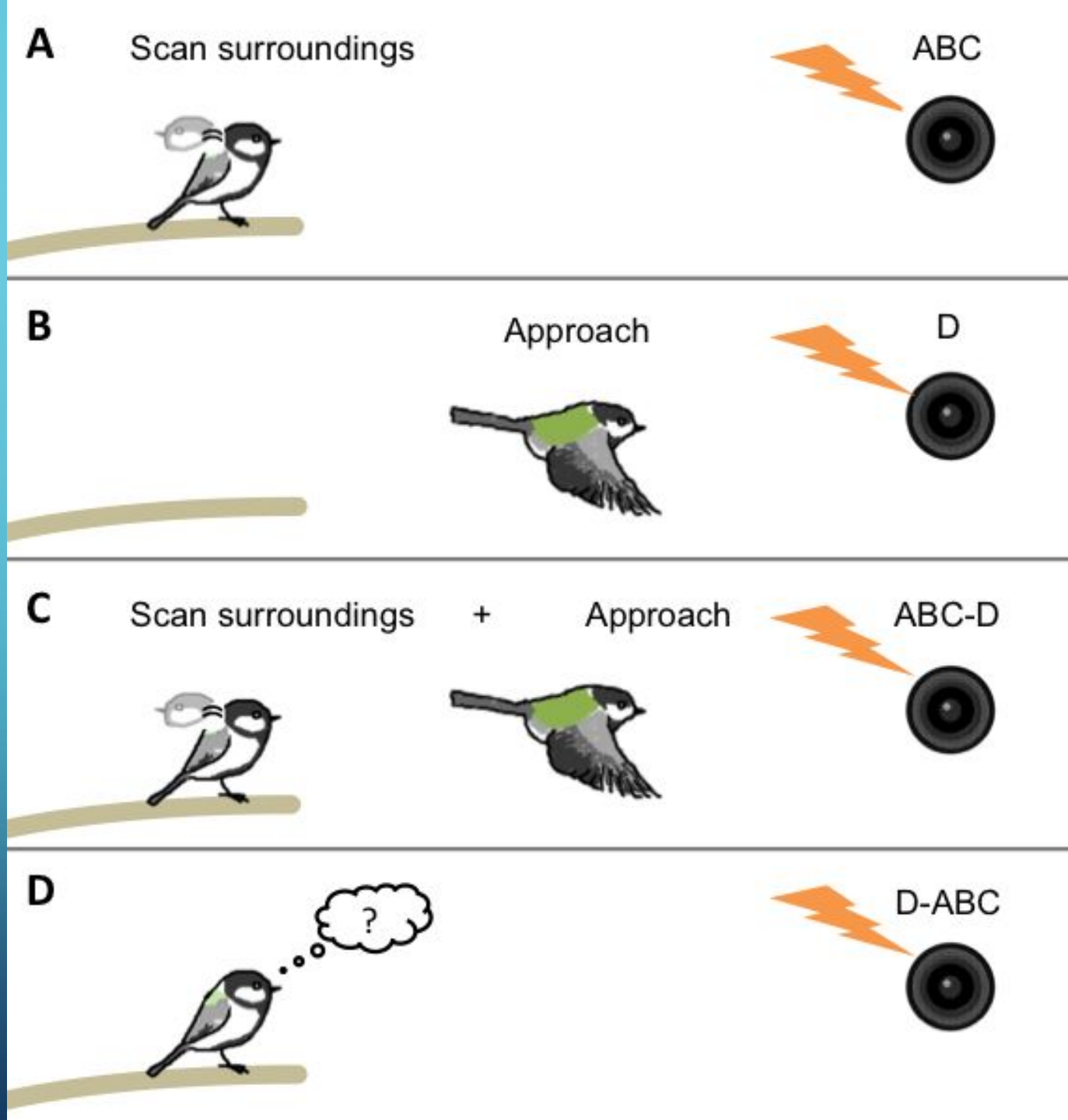


Onomatopoeia

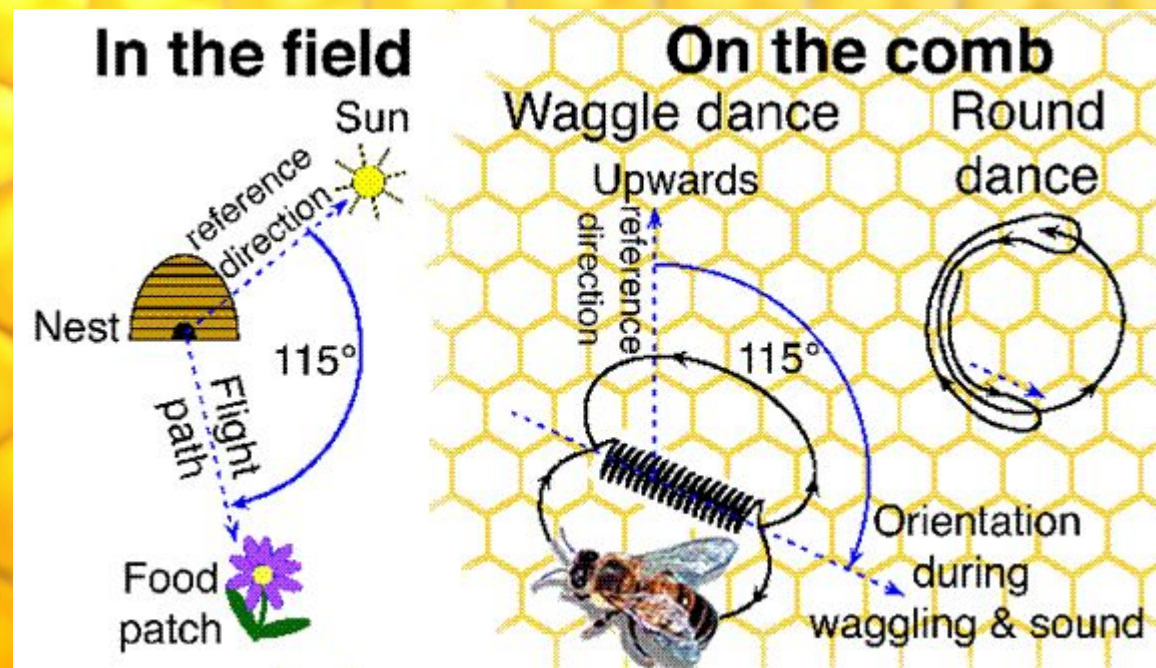
Ability to use “foreign”
signals instead of its
own



Syntax is not unique to human language



Dancing



Ability to catch voice-frequency distinctions



Body language



Gestures



Infrasound



Making splashes and singing



Set of sounds



Conclusion

- **The human speech allows to tell representation about what is not present.**
- **By means of the speech it is possible to tell about last or future events even if they have nothing in common with own experience of speaking.**
- **All animal signals are connected with certain phenomena of reality.**