



## Language and Meaning: How We Learn

*Scarlett in the garden*

**Dominic**

*Shall we just fill up the watering cans?*

**Scarlett**

*Yeah.*

*Coming down ... mine.*

**Dominic**

*OK, there you go, do you want to put it here? Shall we put that one in here as well.*

**Scarlett**

*Is it all in?*

**Dominic**

*OK hold on to it. Tell me to say stop.*

*When do you want me to stop? Now?*

**Scarlett**

*Yeah*

**Dominic Sant**

*Oh wow. OK.*

*What are we going to water now?*

**Scarlett**

*Ah, er over here*

*Dominic*

*OK. I think what we should do is water these ones over here. Oh watch your feet.*

**Scarlett**

*Where?*

**Dominic**

*Go over here. Let's put some more in here.*

*Oh no there's another earwig in there. Don't know why they're called earwigs but look at him.*

**Scarlett**

*Take him off here. Take him off here.*

**Dominic**

*OK I'll put him over here. Let's water these ones. And then let's have a look what's under here.*

*Shall we water this one together?*

*Oh what've I got here? Scarlett, look. What's that?*

**Scarlett**

*A spider.*

**Dominic**

*Is that a spider? Why do you think it's a spider?*

**Scarlett**

*I not know. A bider. [spider]*

**Dominic**

*How many legs has it got?*

**Scarlett**

*Lots. A bider. [spider]*

**Dominic**

*It's a beetle. A beetle. Shall I try and pick him up.*

**Scarlett**

*It's moving.*

**Dominic**

*Look at him. Wow that was a lucky find wasn't it?*

**Scarlett**

*Lets have snail, lets have snail*

**Dominic**

*A snail. Do you want to go and find a snail?*

**Scarlett**

*Two*

**Dominic**

*What does a snail look like?*

**Scarlett**

*Sss.*

**Dominic**

*What's this, this is his foot is it?*

*Shall we go and have a look.*

*At the end of the garden yeah?*

*Shall we see how many snails we can find? Do you want to go for the record of snails?*

*Oh what's that one?*

**Scarlett**

*A snail. Lets see*

**Dominic**

*What's that?*

**Scarlett**

*He's not getting out.*

**Dominic**

*Shall we just pop him here? Like so.*

**Scarlett**

*Take him off.*

**Dominic**

*Oh oh. What's that one then?*

**Scarlett**

*I not know. You take him off here.*

**Dominic**

*OK we'll put him down here shall we?*

**Scarlett**

*He moving.*

**Dominic**

*How many feet has this one got?*

**Scarlett**

*Just two.*

**Dominic**

*Two? Show me where the two are. I can't see two legs. Look now you can see that those two are similar aren't they?*

*So, oh look. There's the beetle, there's a snail and do you know what this is called?*

**Scarlett**

*No.*

**Dominic**

*Do you know what this is called? It's called a slug.*

**Scarlett**

*Him going down here.*

**Dominic**

*Yeah, the slugs going down here isn't he? So look, look what's different about them.*

**Scarlett**

*You touch him.*

**Dominic**

*Yeah this one's got a shell and this one hasn't got a shell.*

**Scarlett**

*This one got a shell...here*

**Dominic**

*Yeah so what's that one called?*

**Scarlett**

*A 'nail. A 'nail. [snail]*

**Dominic**

*And?*

**Scarlett**

*A ... what is he ... I not know.*

**Dominic**

*It begins with S ... slug.*

*Right shall we, I'll find something else and see if you can, oh, what's that one called?*

**Scarlett**

*I don't know. Like that one.*

**Dominic**

*Which one's it like?*

**Scarlett**

*This one with. This one not*

**Dominic**

*OK its not, is it like that one? Why's it not like that one?*

**Scarlett**

*Him not getting out*

**Dominic**

*OK.*

**Nanny**

*Are you going to show, show me all your snails?*

**Scarlett**

*Just Daddy finding it. You come here.*

**Nanny**

*You come here. OK I'll come here. Are you going to find them? Where's, where's those snails gone that we had?*

**Scarlett**

*They sleeping.*

**Nanny**

*They're sleeping are they? Is, is, are they put their head in their shells have they?*

*What have we got in here?*

*Oh what's that Scarlett? What colour's that? What colour's that Scarlett?*

**Scarlett**

*Not very nice. You put him down.*

**Nanny**

*You put him down. Do you think, is that a worm?*

**Scarlett**

*We like worm.*

**Nanny**

*You like worms? Do you?*

*I think that's a slug isn't it? Is it a yellowy?*

**Scarlett**

*Not touch him.*

**Nanny**

*Oh not touch him.*

**Scarlett**

*Yeah. You put him down.*

**Nanny**

*You want me to put him down? Why do you want me to put him down?*

**Scarlett**

*He's not very nice.*

**Nanny**

*He's not very nice?*

**Scarlett**

No.

**Nanny**

He's alright. He won't hurt us. Look there's a little tiny one, a baby one there. Can you see the baby one? Which is the baby one Scarlett?

**Scarlett**

This one here.

**Nanny**

That's, that's a baby one. And, that's a big one, he's not harmful is he?

**Scarlett**

He's not hurt me. The little one not hurt me.

**Nanny**

No the little one won't hurt you.

**Scarlett**

Oh. I like the little one.

**Nanny**

You like the little one.

He's moving. We're not frightened of him are we? No.

**Scarlett**

Just a tiny little bit.

**Nanny**

Just a tiny little bit. OK.

**Scarlett**

Not put your finger there ... he moving.

**Nanny**

You watch now, you watch him climb down there. Oh look he's going to go down there, look how clever he is. He's exploring.

Do you think he's going to find the grass?

**Scarlett**

This is going home.

**Nanny**

He's going home is he? Mmm that's clever isn't it?

Can you remember what colour these are?

**Scarlett**

Yellow.

**Nanny**

That's right. And what about this one?

**Scarlett**

Oh he's purple.

**Nanny**

Is he purple? And what about those two? That one's.

Scarlett

Yellow

**Nanny**

*That's not yellow. What colour's that?*

**Scarlett**

*White.*

**Nanny**

*And that one's? Is he brown? Do you think he's brown? He's, what colour's that one?*

**Scarlett**

*Black.*

**Nanny**

*He's black.*

*Oh look, look at the little, can you see the baby snail climbing up now?*

**Scarlett**

*Yes. Don't touch him.*

**Nanny**

*Not touch him? He won't hurt you look. You touch him. Just touch his shell. There you are. He doesn't hurt does he?*

**Scarlett**

*And this one?*

**Nanny**

*You can touch that one as well, the big one. Both of them. They're asleep I think.*

*How many have got shells?*

*How many? Count them.*

**Scarlett**

*One, not touch him. One, two.*

**Nanny**

*What about that one?*

**Scarlett**

*Three.*

**Nanny**

*Three.*

*Shall we just pick a few leaves up to help daddy eh? Before we go? Shall we?*

*Now you know you haven't got to pick the nice ones don't you?*

*Where's your bucket?*

**Scarlett**

*This is your bucket*

**Nanny**

*And this is my bucket.*

*By the flowers over there. Would you like to pick the dead flowers for nanny. Look if nanny puts you over there look. Would you like to pick the dead flowers off there for nanny please.*

*Just off that one there. Pick the dead leaves and put them in your bucket. Put your bucket down.*

**Scarlett**

*That's dead.*

**Nanny**

*Is that dead?*

**Scarlett**

*Yes. Not take this*

**Nanny**

*No come on then. Step down there. You come and find the blue flowers. Where are the blue flowers Scarlett? Are they dead or are they alive?*

**Scarlett**

*Alive.*

**Nanny**

*Those are alive are they? Well we can't pick those then can we? Just get down on your knee and have a look and see if that's alive. Is that alive?*

**Scarlett**

*No.*

**Nanny**

*Is that one alive? Does that smell nice? Do you think that's OK?*

**Scarlett**

*Smell it. Yeah. Just a bit*

**Nanny**

*Do you think,*

**Scarlett**

*Just put some in here.*

**Nanny**

*that's OK is it? We mustn't pick, we mustn't pick those must we?*

**Scarlett**

*No*

**Nanny**

*No. What about the blue ones?*

**Scarlett**

*No.*

**Nanny**

*You mustn't pick those either?*

**Scarlett**

*No*

**Nanny**

*No*

**Scarlett**

*Just the leaves*

**Nanny**

*Just, just the leaves*

**Scarlett**

*Yeah.*

**Nanny**

*Oh that's a good girl. There's a leaf there look.*

**Scarlett**

*We pick this one up.*

**Nanny**

*You pick that one up as well. Oh that's a lovely flower isn't it?*

**Scarlett**

*Not pick this off.*

**Nanny**

*You're not to pick those, no. You pick them off the, off the ground do you?*

**Scarlett**

*Just get this bit here. Just get off*

**Nanny**

*Put them in the bucket then. And some more.*

**Scarlett**

*Just take this bit*

**Nanny**

*That one's not ready yet is it?*

*No that's a, no you mustn't do that one must you. No you can only pick the ones off the ground.*

**Scarlett**

*Just get this bit*

**Nanny**

*Only those, yeah. There you are put them in the bucket.*

**Scarlett**

*Just, just going through get my bucket.*

**Nanny**

*Careful*

**Scarlett**

*Oh ho ho. Oh ho ho. Oh ho ho. Oh ho ho. Oh ho ho. Oh ho ho. Thank you thank you Nanny*

**Nanny**

*Look there's a lot more down there isn't?*

**Scarlett**

*These are your ones.*

**Nanny**

*Those are my ones? Why are they my ones Scarlett?*

**Scarlett**

*'Coz they're big.*

**Nanny**



*Oh they're big because they're my ones. OK. Put them in the bucket.*

**Scarlett**

*Just putting these in your bucket*