

# THE ORIGIN OF LANGUAGE



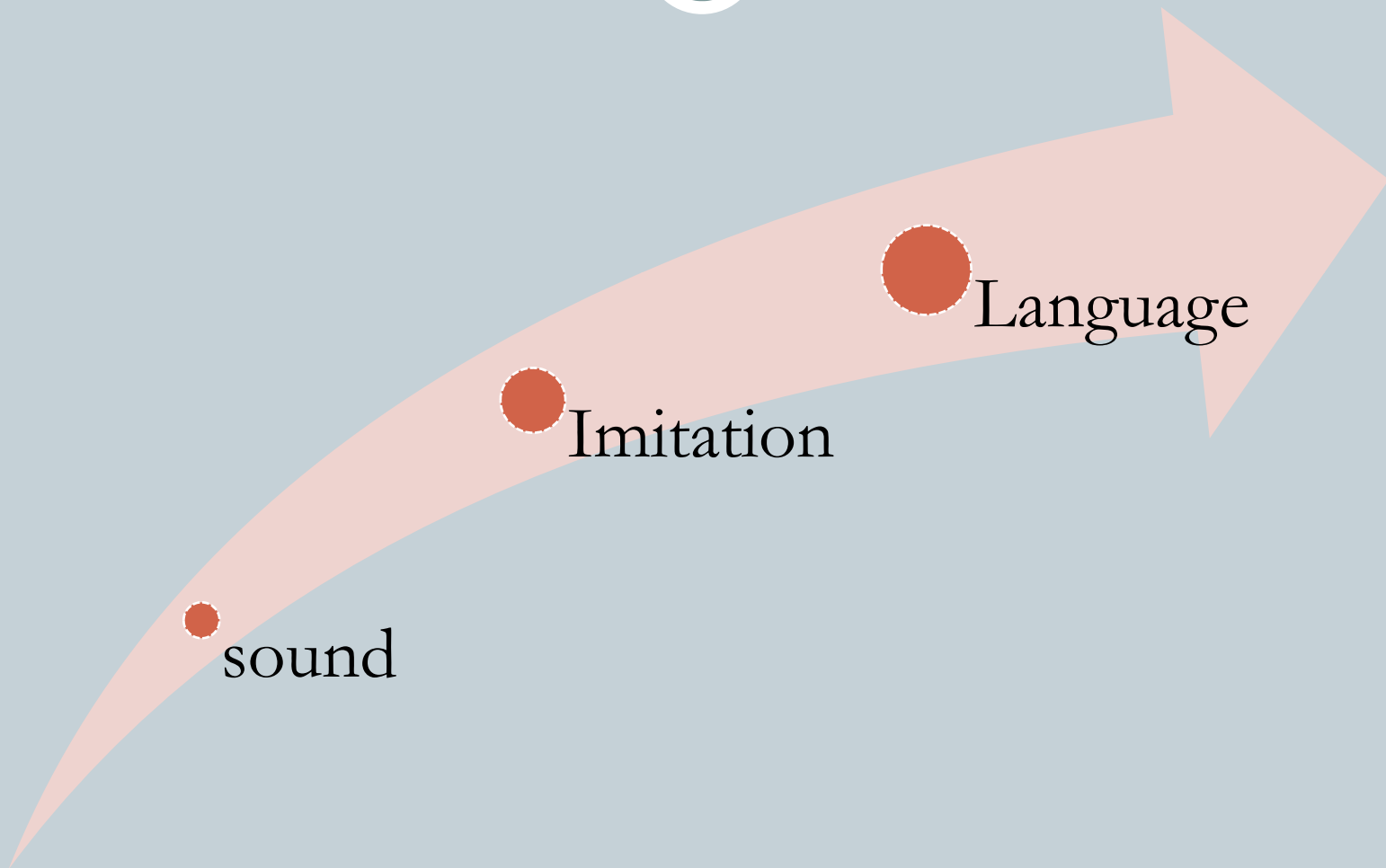
# Characteristic Features



Language is

- Spoken
- Evolutionary
- Characteristic of man

# The Bow-Wow Theory



sound

Imitation

Language



- This imitative tendency forms the beginning of the language
- Elements of Onomatopoeia
- eg: whistle

# The Ding-Dong Theory



Rhythm

Imitation of  
Movement

Language



- Associated with Max Muller
- Primitive speech developed from rhythmical hum or chant
- War-dance, Medieval ballads , sea-chanties

# The Pooh-Pooh Theory



- Emotional interjections ( pain, surprise, pleasure, wonder)
- Refinement of emotional expressions
- Contempt or Disgust

# The Gesture Theory



- Advanced by Wilhelm Wundt and restarted by Sir Richard Paget in “Human Speech”
- Natural and spontaneous language
- Sign Language = Spoken language



# Overview



- Speech is the result of a combination of process
- Printing and Writing are the substitutes of speech
- Words are the result of analysis, helped by written language