

**Sixth Form Enrolment Task**  
**Subject - Sociology**  
**Teacher - Miss Dredge**  
**Independent Learning Task**

Due to be handed in during the first lesson in September

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe research into feral children.
2. Apply findings to real life, discussing what happens when children are not 'socialised' (taught) by parents.
3. Evaluate findings, discussing whether 'socialisation' and learning behaviours that make us 'human', is a result of nature (our genetics) or nurture (environment)

Success Criteria:

- MUST:** Summarise research into feral children.  
**SHOULD:** Apply findings to real life, explaining the consequences of children not being raised and therefore socialised (taught) by adults.  
**COULD:** Discuss both sides of the nature/ nurture debate and explain how they both could play a role in human socialisation.

Explanation of task..

- 1) Research 'feral children' and describe case studies such as Genie and KAMALA AND AMALA.
- 2) Based upon the case studies, what happens if we aren't 'socialised' (taught) by our parents when growing up? Can we still show human behaviours without being taught this by humans? (e.g. communication, language, walking, human mannerisms etc.)
- 3) Evaluate your findings using the nature/ nurture debate. Based upon what you have discussed, do you think that human behaviours must be taught and there must be an environmental influence (nurture) or are the inborn/ innate and down to our genetics (nature). How do we know

this from studies into feral children who are not raised by adults?  
Explain your answer.

Resources to support your work...

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genie\\_\(feral\\_child\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genie_(feral_child))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amala\\_and\\_Kamala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amala_and_Kamala)

This work is important because it... will familiarise you with the key concept of socialisation that is used throughout the Sociology course. You will also begin to develop critical thinking skills that are important for course success.

If you do this you will then be able to ..... describe an important theory, draw conclusions and evaluate the study by discussing applications to real life and the nature/ nurture debate.