

This is a transcript of a Three-Year-Olds internal monologue, which isn't so much "internal" as "external, out in the open, and sometimes loud, but rather funny."

Sometime in April (2004)--

After having read some book in which the characters (most likely walrus) ate fish for dinner, I was able to re-initiate a conversation with the boys about possibly eating fish again (6 months ago previously they decided they hated it and wouldn't touch it). So one day while they are starting their lunch, I mention to them that we are going to have fish for dinner! Child A takes up this idea and runs with it -- and he runs very far indeed (and yet, gets nowhere). He begins this very long monologue about how much he likes fish. I was at the computer when he started the monologue and was able to transcribe it exactly. I started transcribing his words 2 minutes into the monologue. The monologue lasted 20 minutes (constant talking).

[if you ever wondered what a three-year-old is thinking, this is a little window into the mind of one, since he forgot to turn off the link between his mind and his mouth]

Child A:

I like them, I like the taste of them. The Taste. I like the taste them. They take like berry juice. They do. They likes them too. He likes them too. Daddy likes them.

Child B like them. Child B, you like fish? Child B don't like fish. Yeah, you do!

You had... you like the taste. You want to try them

You like to

I like fish, fish don't make me sick. Child B, you like fish too?

Child B:

\*I\* like some pizza!

Child A:

I like fish, that's what I like

And animals don't eat fish, they're for "our". The animals, that's not their food they eat. Pumpkins are.

I like fish. Fish make me smart. I like blue ones. They taste like berry juice. I like the blueberry ones.

[he might be talking about jellybeans now?]

Child B, I like the blue ones.

Child B, you like the berry ones? Child B wants some.

Child B say he wants some

Child B you like some fish?

Child B:

I like some berry ones

Child A:

Child B do like some fish

I like some fish too

you do like... you too like them ... Emma like them too

Child B say he likes them

he likes berry ones

he likes fish and I like fish too

they're very tasty... you like to taste them, Child B?

Child B you like the fish? Child B said yes he likes the fish

[we are in minute 7 of this recorded conversation about fish]

Child A:

Child B, fish make you smart. They make you smart Child B, fish make you smart  
Child B do you like some fish?

Child B: yes

Child A: I like those too

Oooh, Emma has more food

Emma wants to try some taste of it. she wants to taste it of mine and yours

Child B you like it of the fish

he do like fish. he don't want any more dessert. we wish we want some fish

we said we want some fish

I like to try these

those are very tasty

I like to eat these, they are very good

we want fish. we wish we want fish

they make me smart. they do not make we sick. they make we smart

Child B we wish we want some fish. I wish I want some fish

Child B you wish you want fish and I wish I want fish

you said you want some carrots

we need some fish to eat. They make me smart. They don't make me any sick

I like to eat them they sound like berry juice

we have orange too. We have orange fish too

we make some orange ones. We make we make some orange ones. You want some too? We make some orange ones

Child B:

ooh, I like some orange ones

Child A:

you like some. We need some

Child B:

I want some red ones too. And the black ones are yucky (he might be talking about jellybeans?)

Child A:

Child B we wish we had some orange ones

the orange ones sound like orange juice. Like orange juice. They sound like orange juice. Child B, the

orange ones sound like orange juice. They smell like watermelon

those are yummy I like watermelon

I like it it's ... I like it taste

Child B is done with his food. he's done he is he is

Child B, you come with me. You have. we have to wait for the fish to come

Child B we have to look at you

Child B what are you eating?

Child B:

I am eating some chicken

[20 minutes into the conversation, I look over to Child A and say "enough about the fish"]

Child A:

no, don't take away our fish. we want our fish

Child B, you want some fish?

(Child B falls over - maybe playing dead to escape this conversation?)

Child B, are you okay? I will stay with you Child B, I will stay with you

Child B, where are you going

Child B:

Child A, you need to stay here

Child A:

okay, okay, okay

[and from this point on the fish conversation continues only intermittently]