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Introduction

Observational Learning

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 "Yeah!"


"Yeah!"

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Hannah

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"Yeah!"

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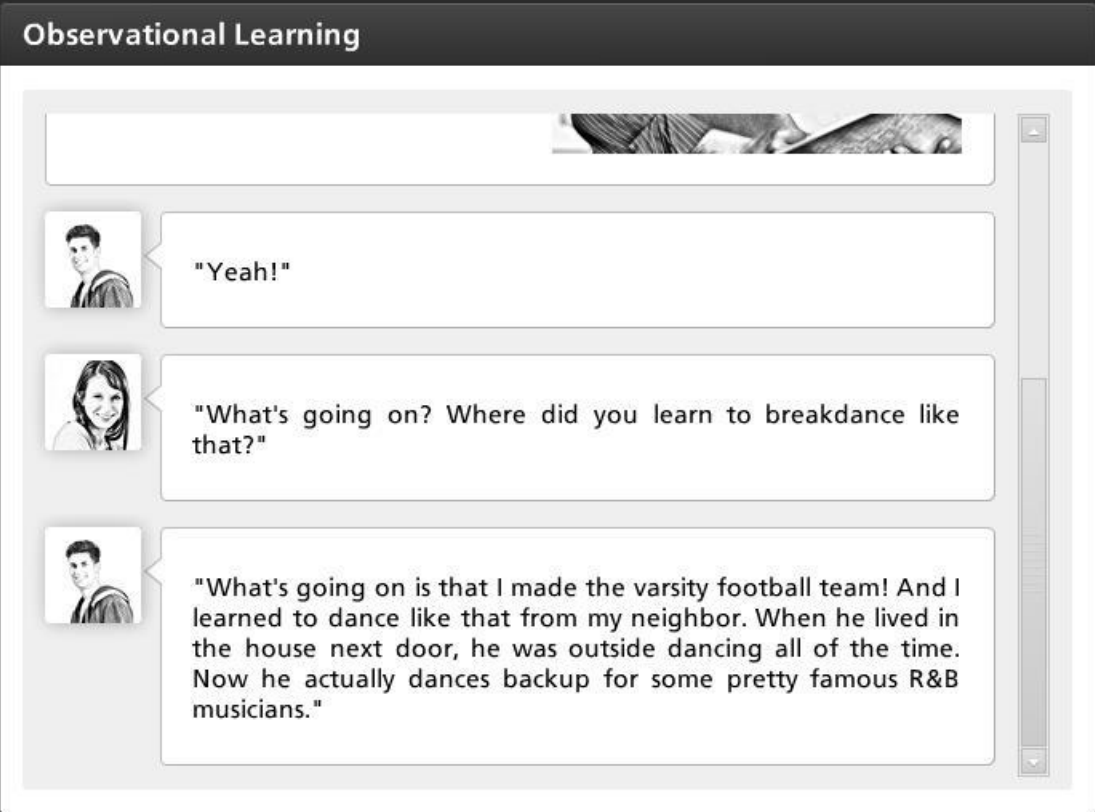
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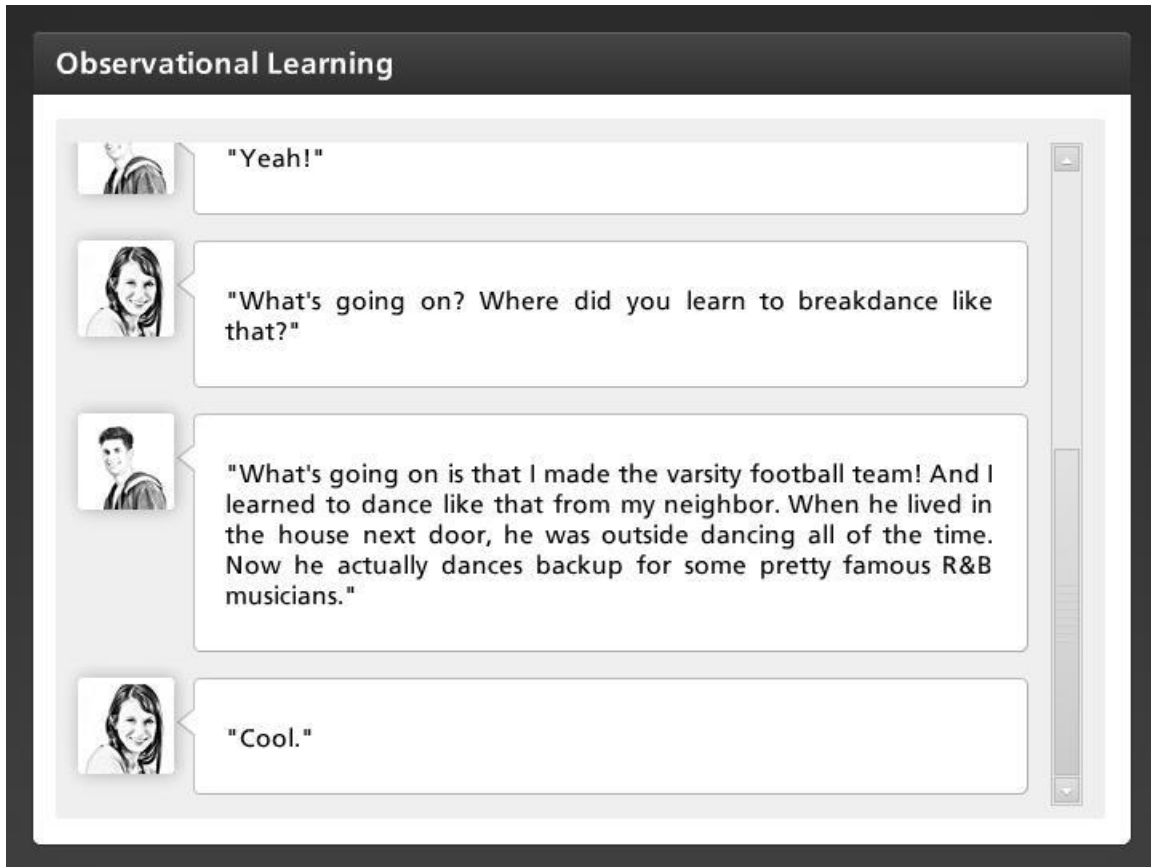
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- Message 4: "Cool."

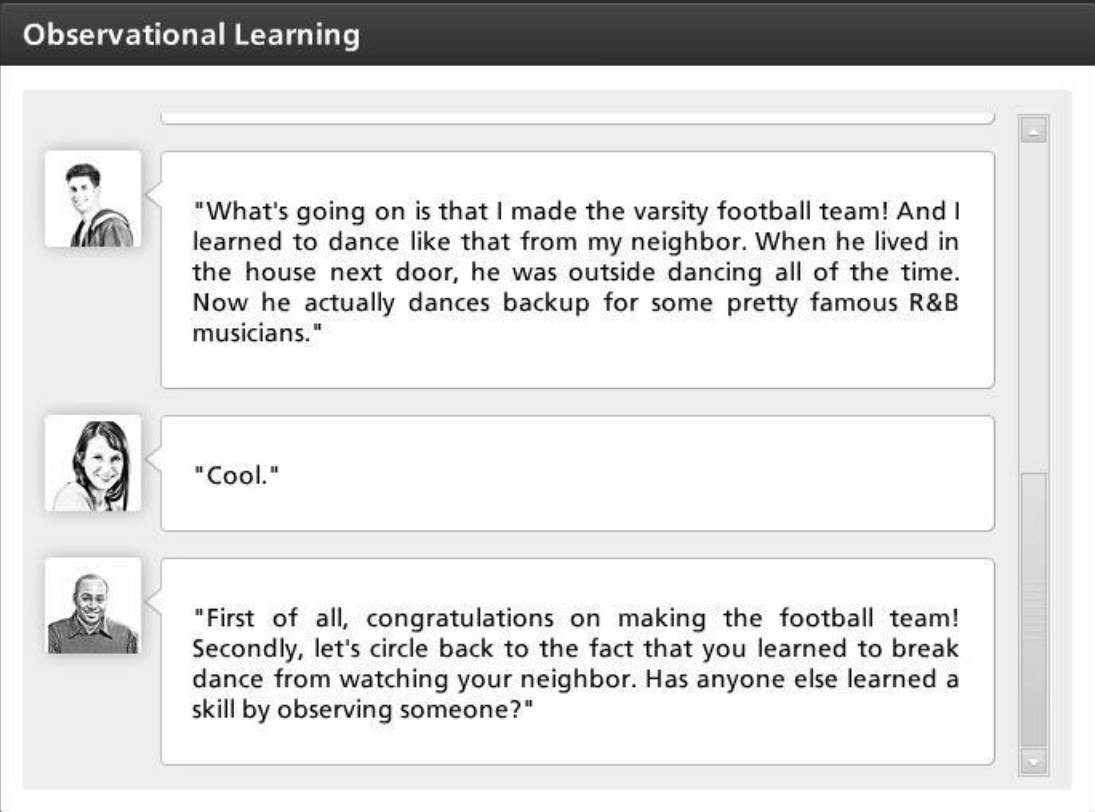
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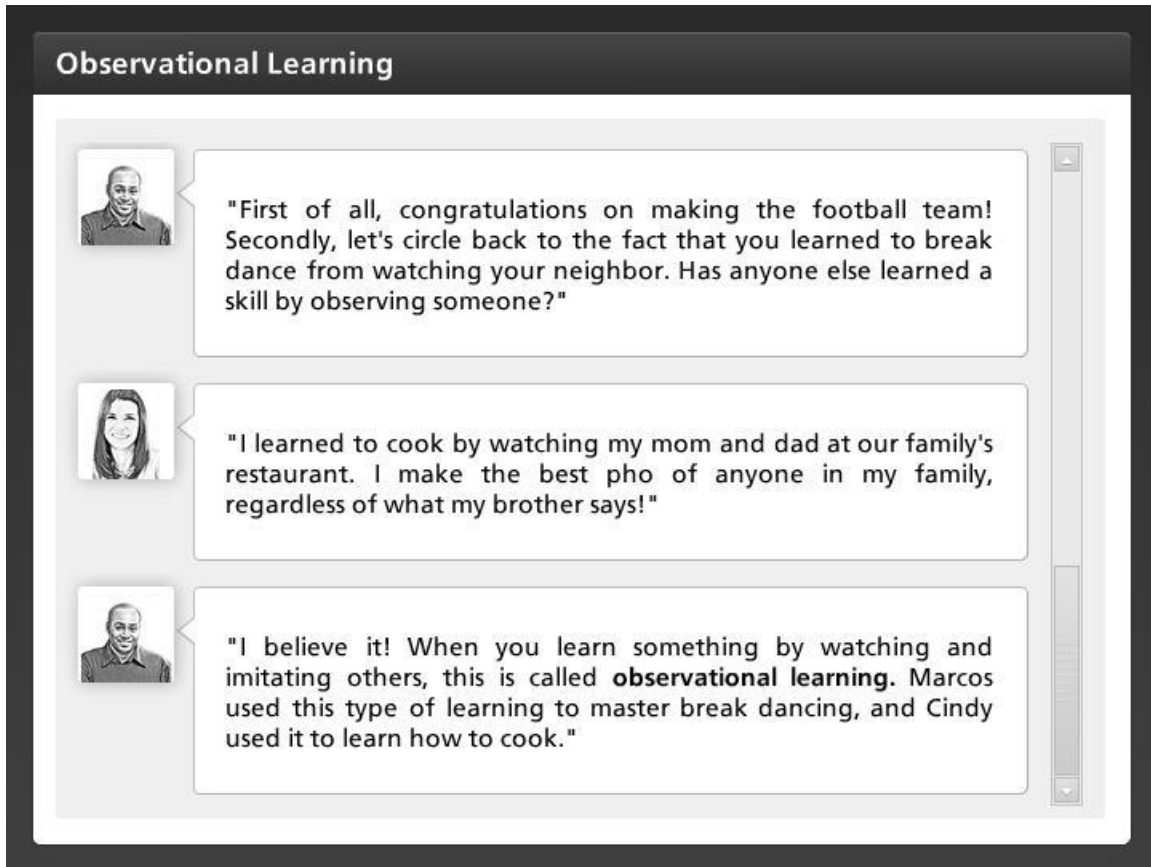
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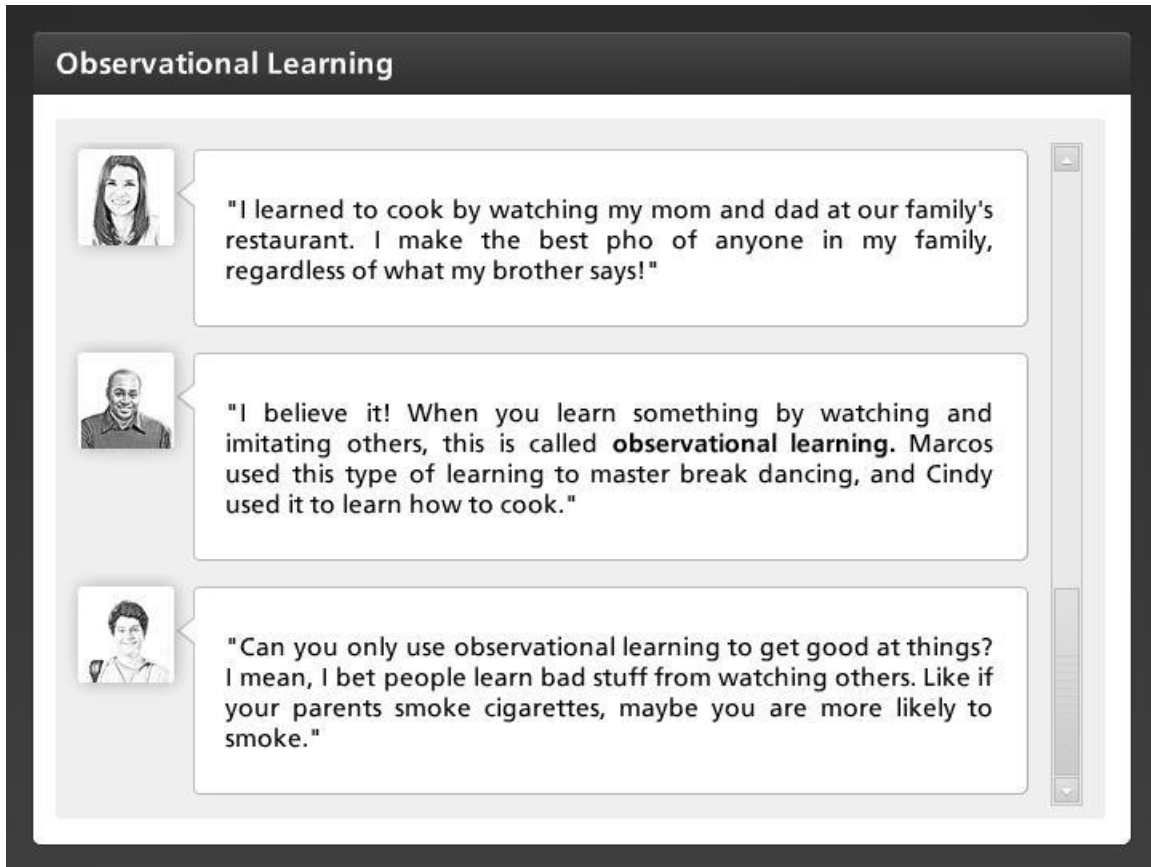
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Donnie

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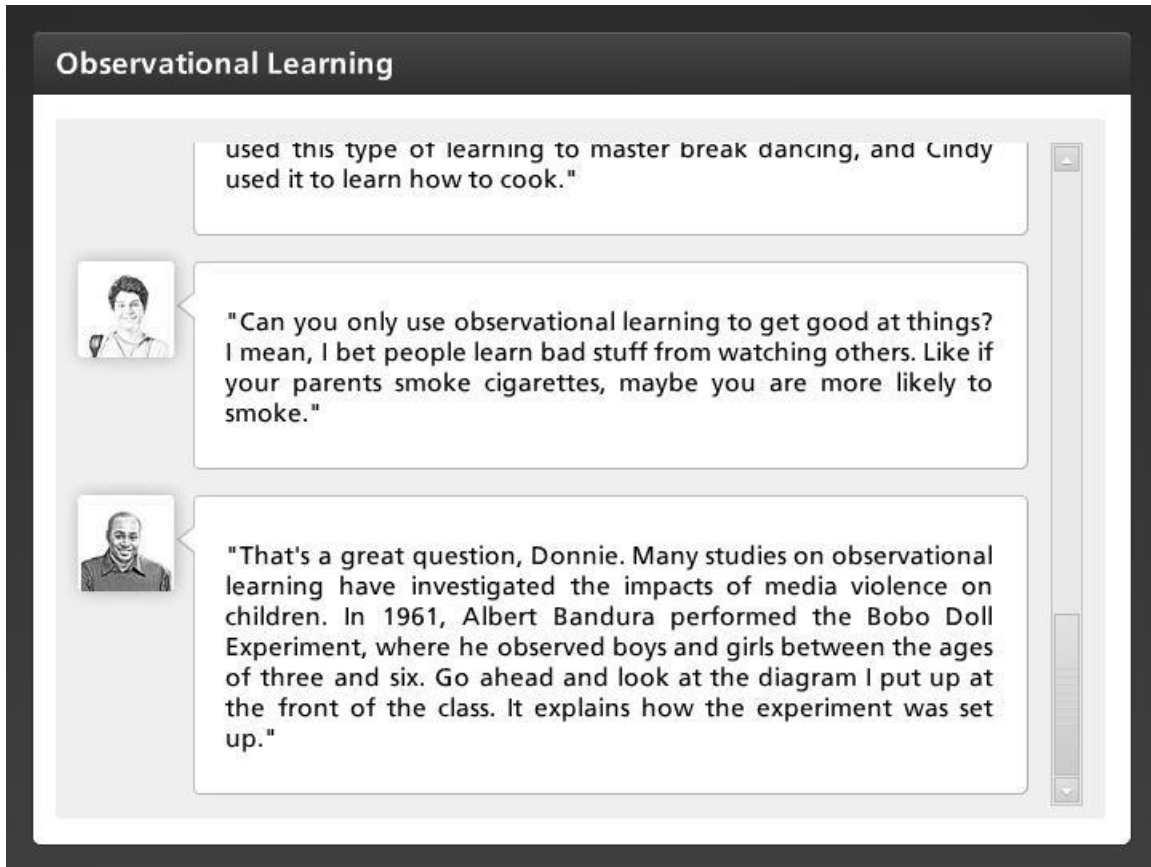
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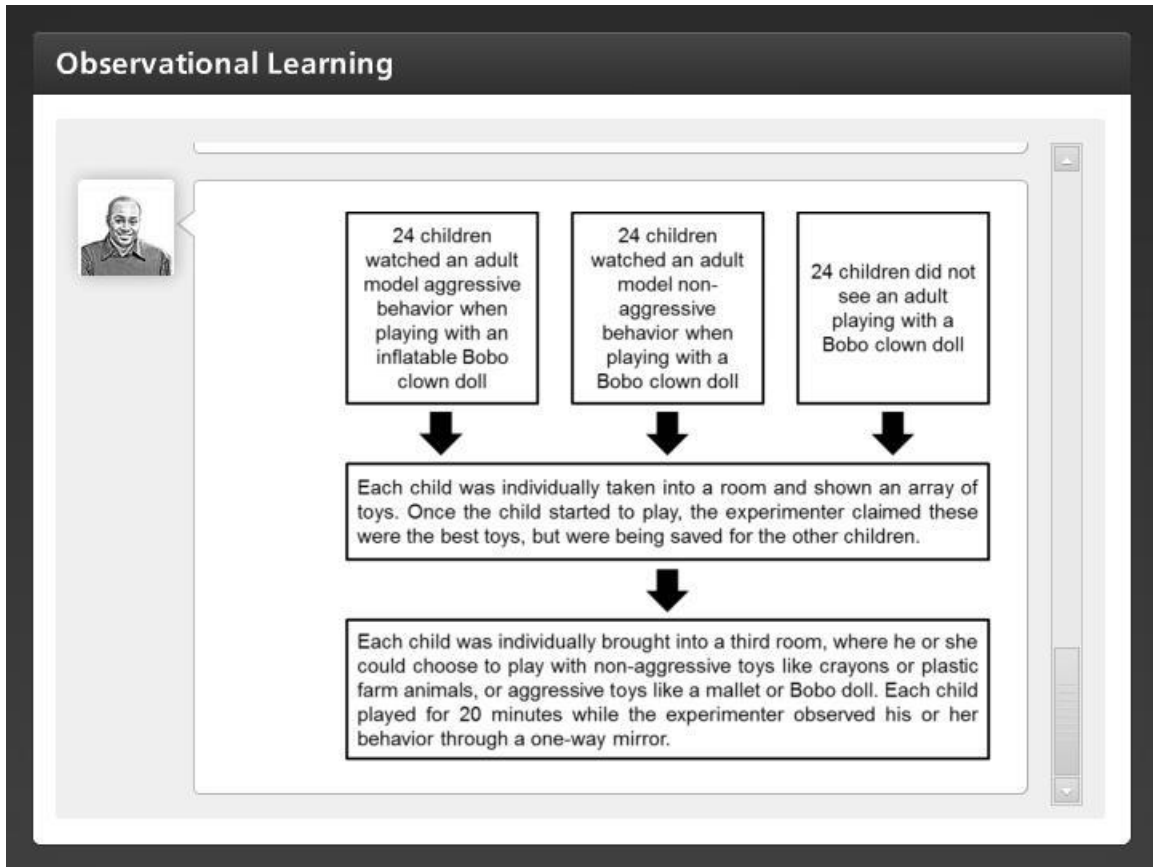
- A text message: "used this type of learning to master break dancing, and Cindy used it to learn how to cook."
- A message from a user with a profile picture of a young man: "Can you only use observational learning to get good at things? I mean, I bet people learn bad stuff from watching others. Like if your parents smoke cigarettes, maybe you are more likely to smoke."
- A response from a user with a profile picture of a man: "That's a great question, Donnie. Many studies on observational learning have investigated the impacts of media violence on children. In 1961, Albert Bandura performed the Bobo Doll Experiment, where he observed boys and girls between the ages of three and six. Go ahead and look at the diagram I put up at the front of the class. It explains how the experiment was set up."

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Janelle

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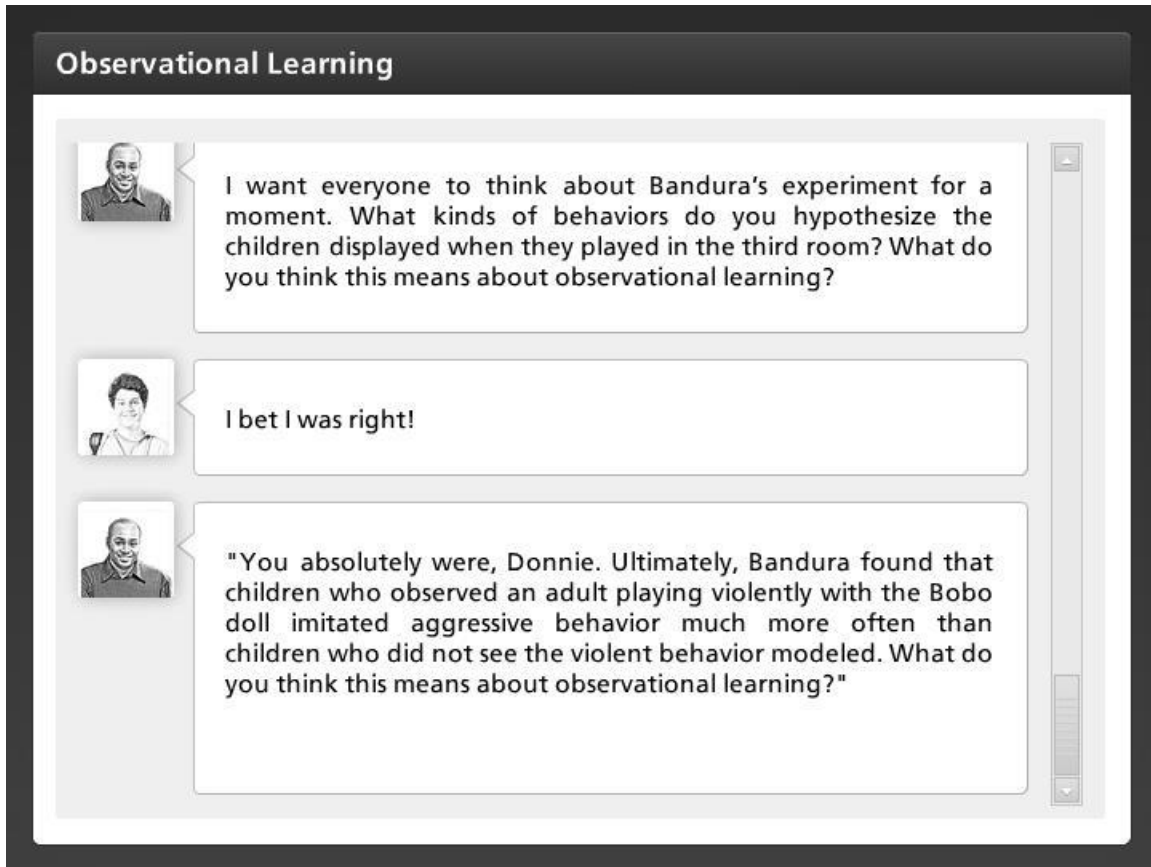
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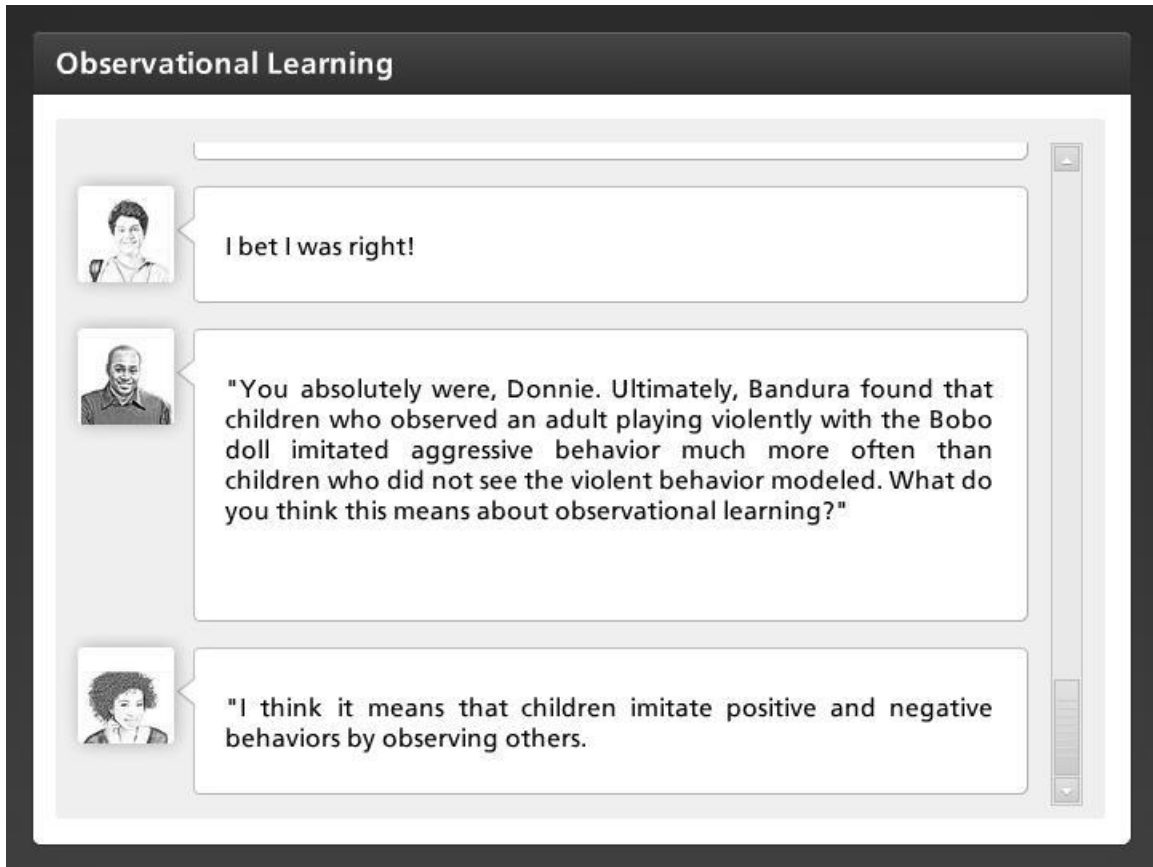
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Janelle



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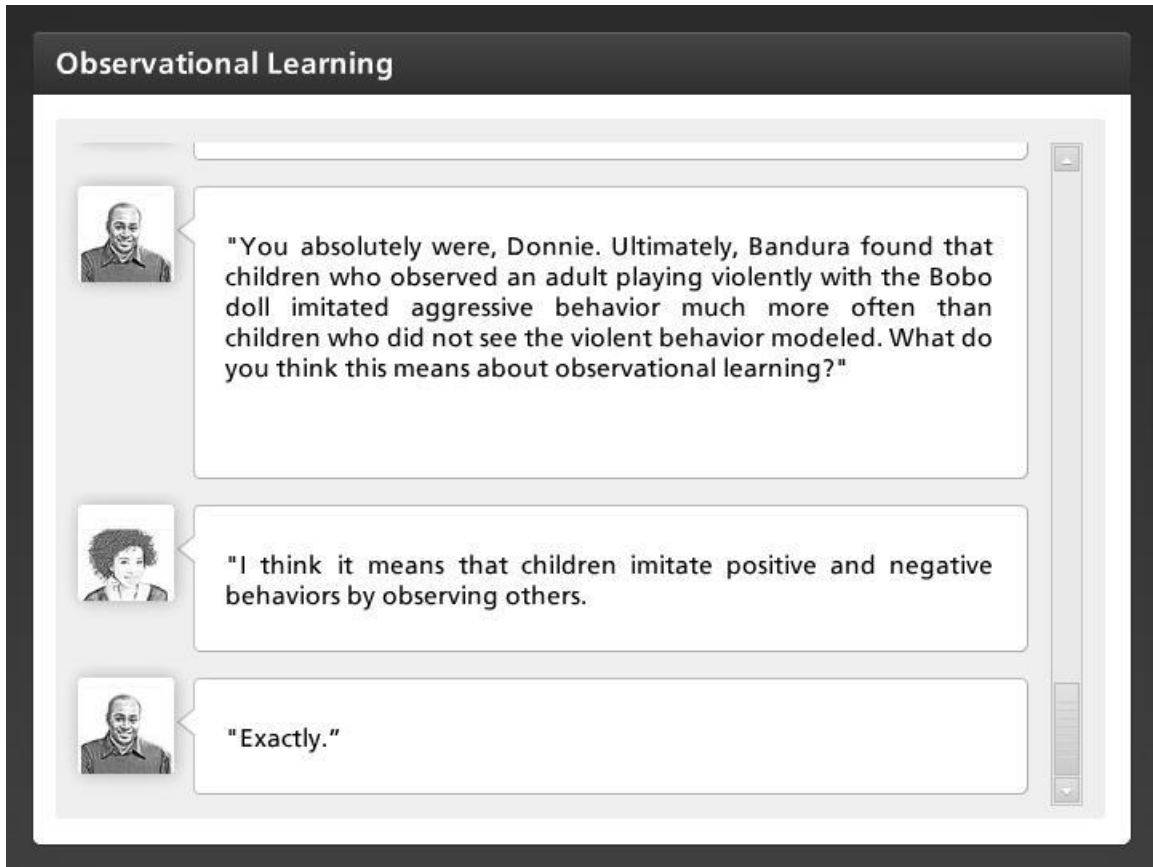
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Marcos

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