

When Jessie told the story to her brother she was influenced by psychological factors which included egocentrism, observational learning, over regularization, reconstructive memory, and schema. Egocentrism is the inability to understand the perspective of another. As an example Jessie tells of events that happened to other kids as if they only happened to her. Observational learning is the modeling of observed behavior. As an example Jessie describes a behavior she did after watching someone at the firehouse. Over regularization is the misplacement of a rule of grammar in language use. An example would be Jessie describing the firehouse as plural. Reconstructive memory is the principle that retrieval is not perfect, and any failures can result in distortion of memories. As an example, part of Jessie's story is made up because she can't remember what really happened. A schema is a framework used to organize information. As an example of this Jessie previously believed firefighters were monsters, but after learning about them and seeing them she changed her schema. These are some of the ways Jessie could have been influenced in the telling of her story.