

3rd period  
Language Arts  
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**Things I have discovered so far about the Outer Sims.\***

**by Ronnie.**

*\*(I call them “Outer” Sims because they’re the ones outside Sunset Valley, Riverview and other such normal towns.)*

They call themselves by all sorts of names, but have no comprehension that they are Sims.

They have hundreds of languages. Most, however, are just meaningless gibberish – two of the exceptions being Ukrainian and Tagalog.

Whereas our adults normally have five traits, the Outer Sims can have far more than five. The number may even be unlimited. However, they do not control their own traits (no matter how healthy their pregnancy, no matter how high their grades in school.) They do not actually know where their traits come from, and they argue over that question.

They all start out as babies. (Or so they say. I don’t think that can be quite true, because babies require adults to care for them, so *someone* must have not been a baby when they started. But the Outer Sims cannot remember back that far. All of those now living are said to have started as babies.)

Height is a *trait* for them. In other words, once done growing, they are not all the same height! So it goes to show how assumptions can be wrong, and “everybody knows it has to be this way” is really no reason at all.

They are said to number seven billion altogether. This may be explained partly by their failure to distinguish firmly between “*WooHoo*” and “*Try for Baby*.” But even with that, it seems a wildly high number, and I am still trying to find out what the problem is.

They bathe, like we do. But, baths frequently take much less than an hour for them. I suspect this is because their bathrooms do not fog up as badly as ours, so they are better able to see what they’re doing. I have emailed to ask one of them how they achieve this, but I have not heard back yet. I may not have put the question quite clearly.

What does take them a long time – minutes, or tens of minutes if you can believe it – is *changing clothes*. I don’t get what’s the big deal. I guess we all have different skills, and getting dressed just isn’t one of theirs.