

# BIBLICAL SURVEY

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**Your  
God  
is  
*Still*  
Too  
Small**

Bio-linguistics and the  
Communicating God



*If we are not hearing from God,  
It is not his fault!*

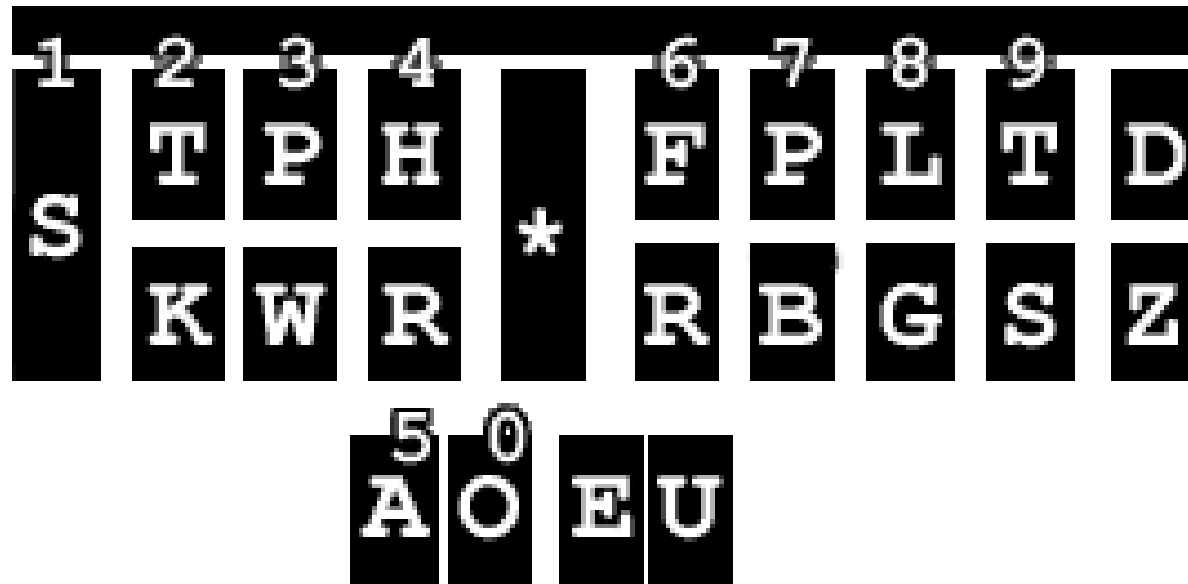




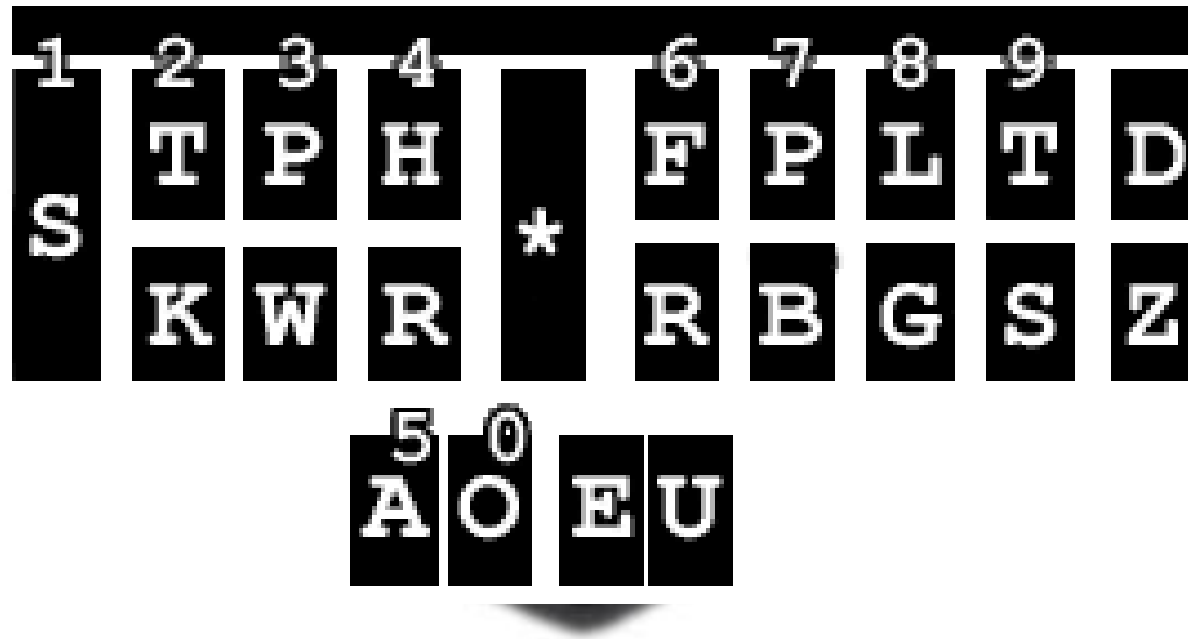
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# They type syllables!



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The study of  
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All done unconsciously





I Fish



I Fished



I Fished

I climb





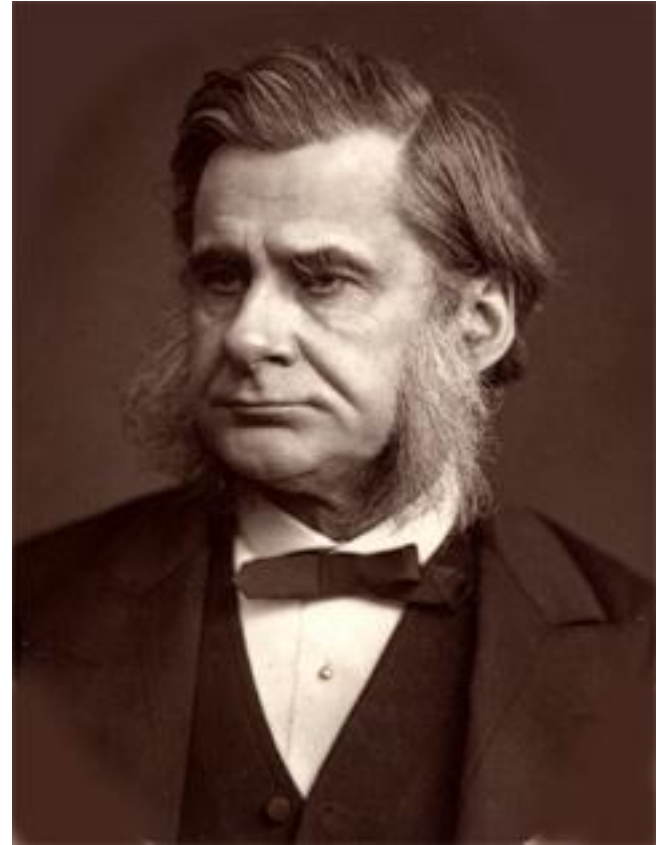


I Fished

I climbed



“The possession of  
speech is the  
grand distinctive  
character of man.”



T. H. Huxley

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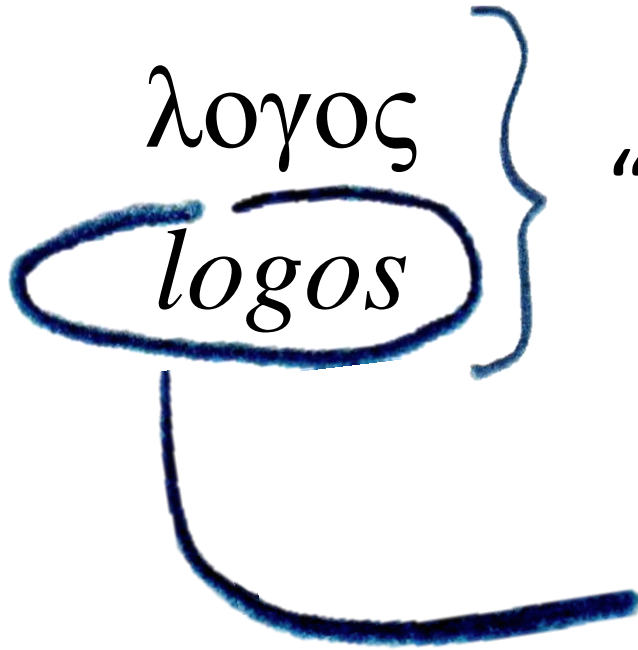
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“word”

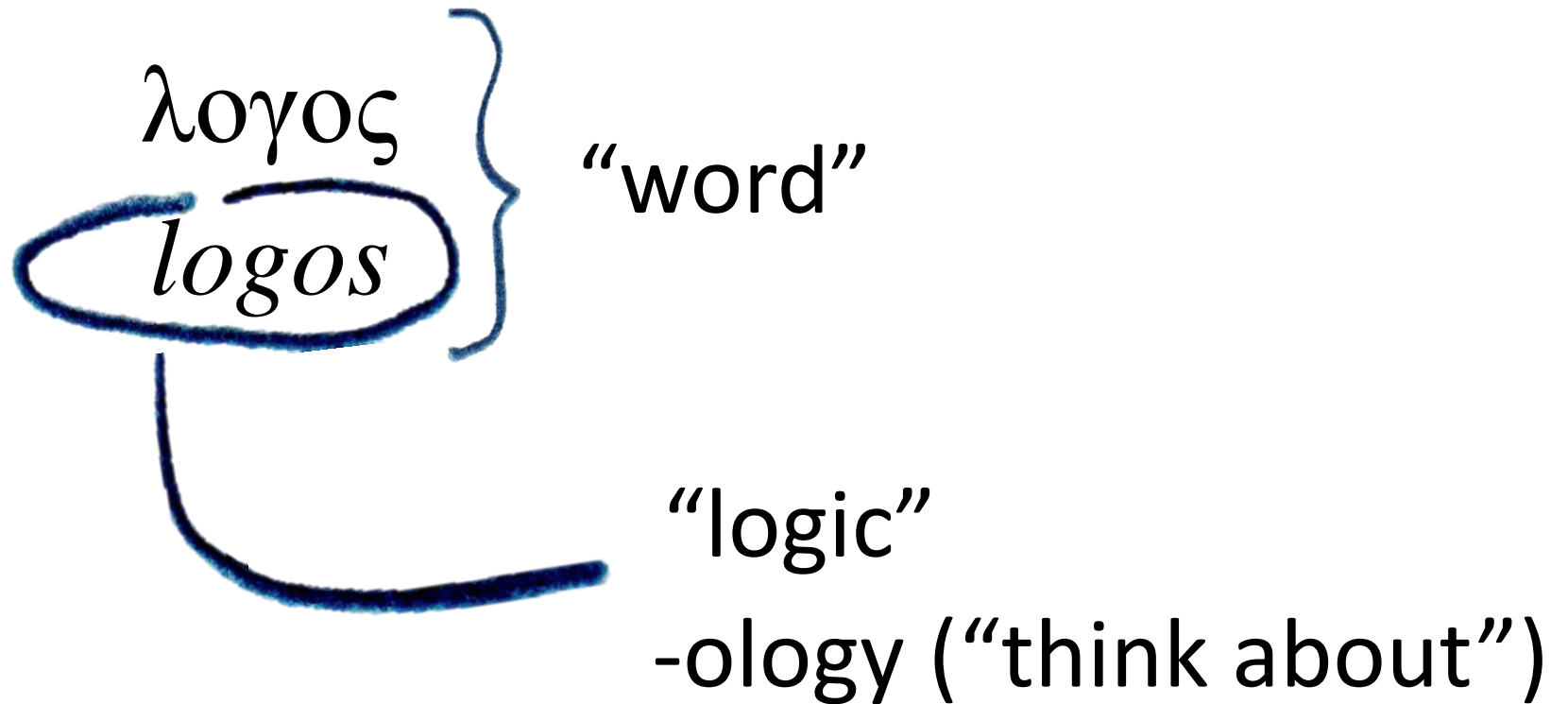


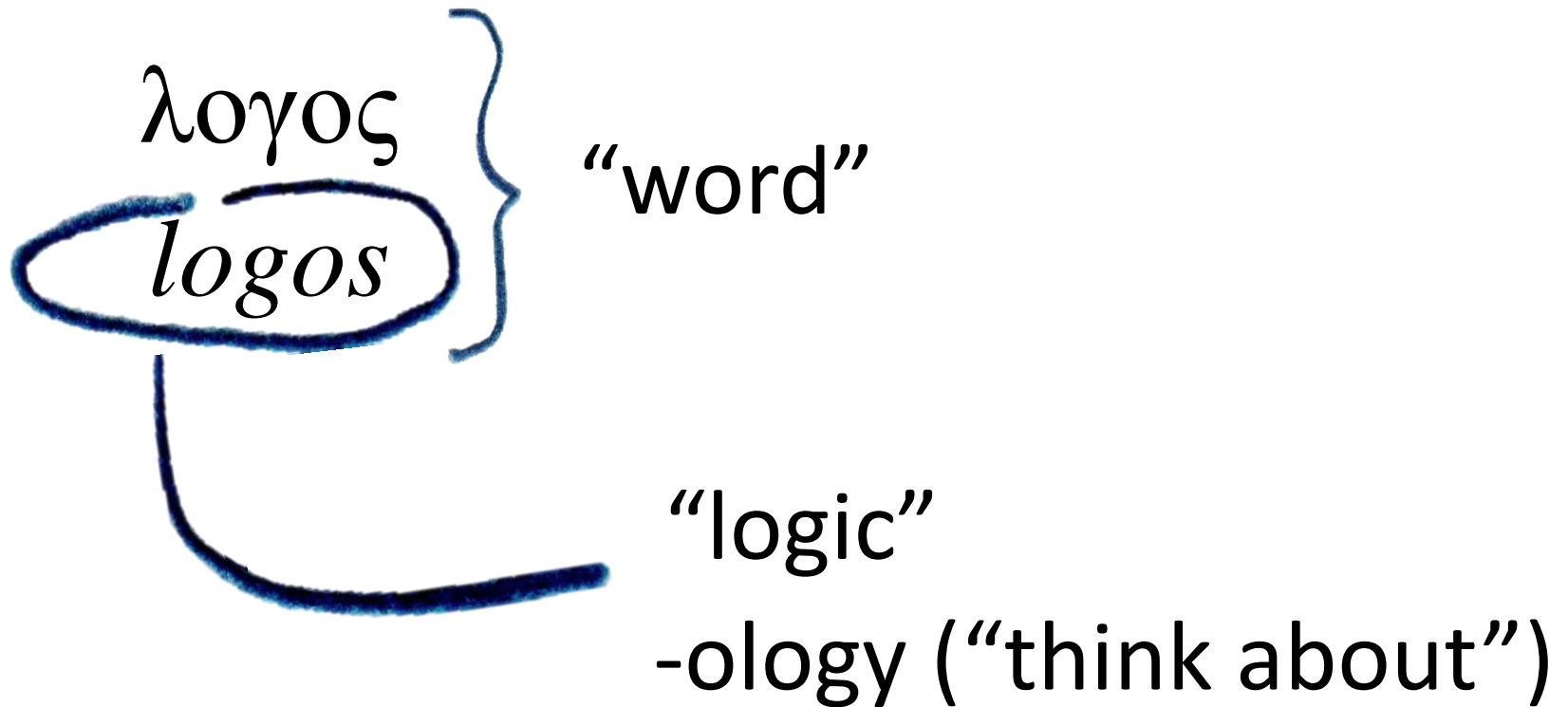
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“word”

“logic”





**WE THINK IN WORDS!**



“Human **language** is  
the special **faculty**  
through which **all**  
**conscious human**  
**activity** is filtered .”



Salvador Luria



1950's

Today

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**“Behavior”**

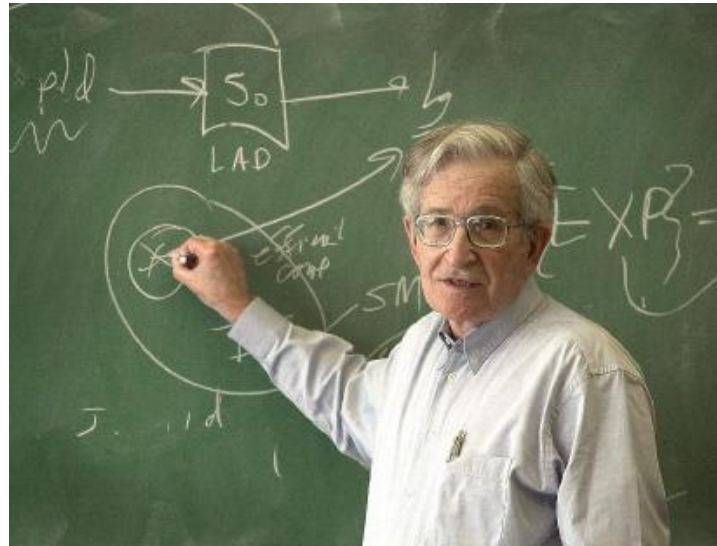
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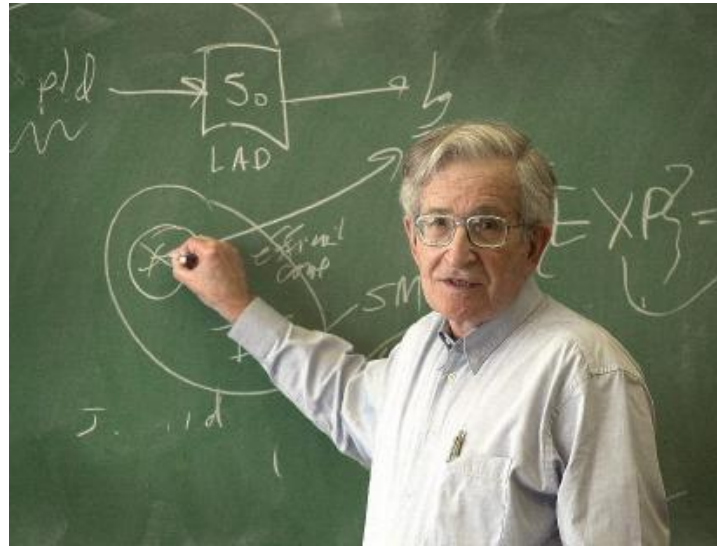
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Language  
is “**native**”  
to humans

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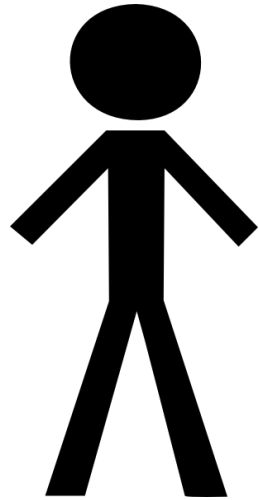
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**We do** that through **language!**

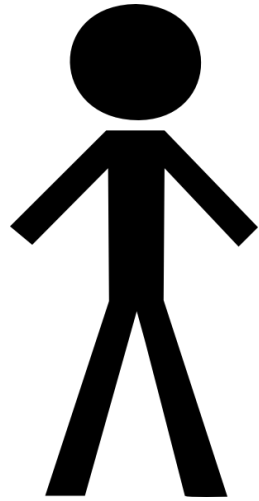
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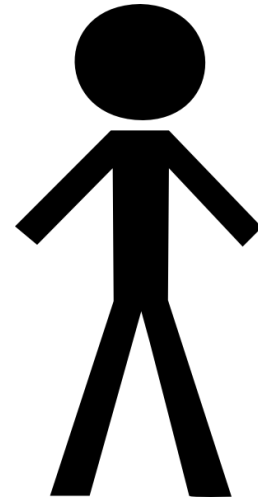


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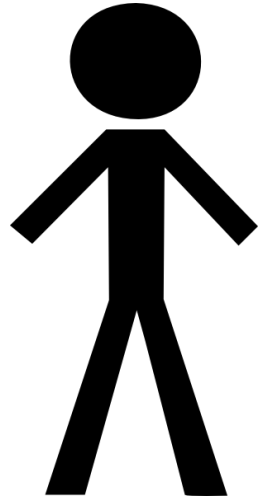


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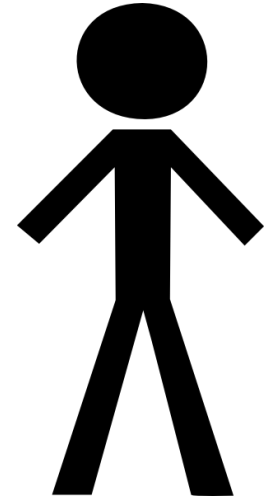


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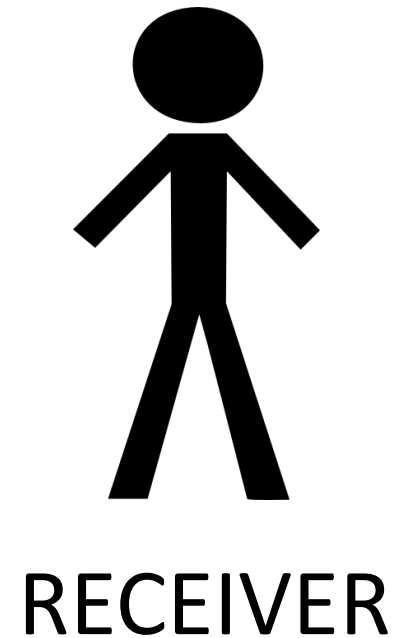
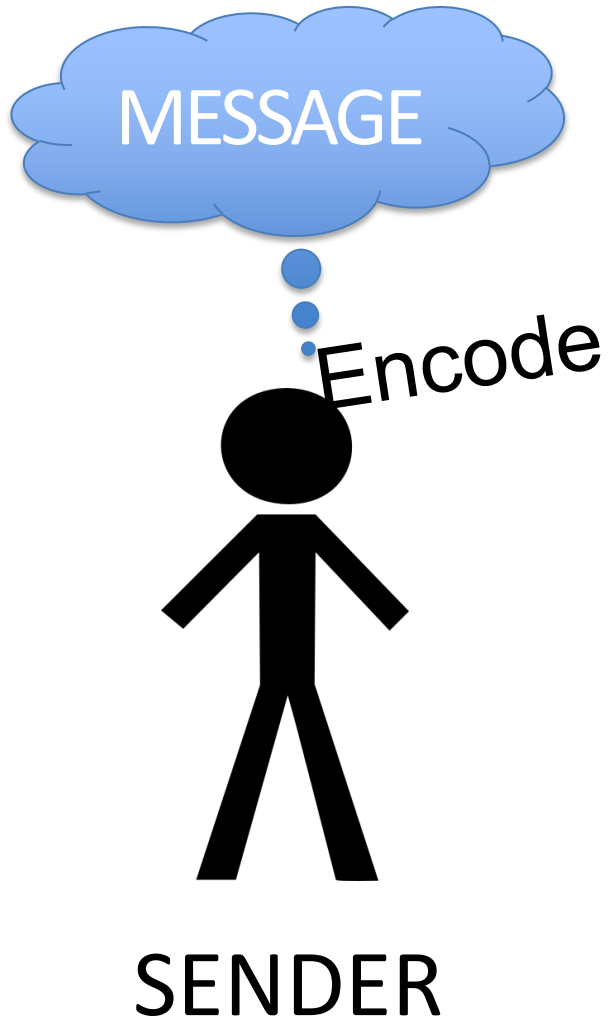


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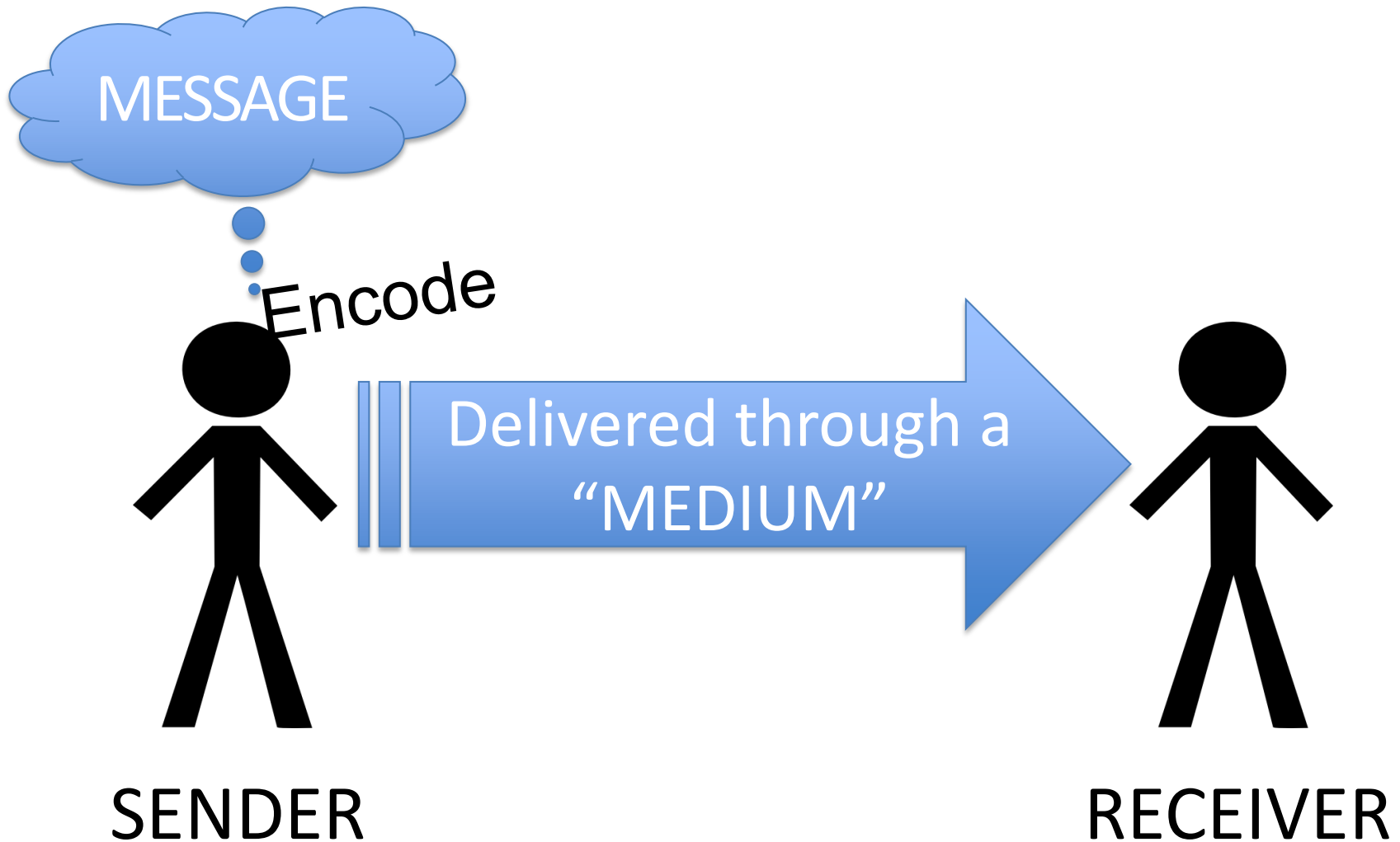


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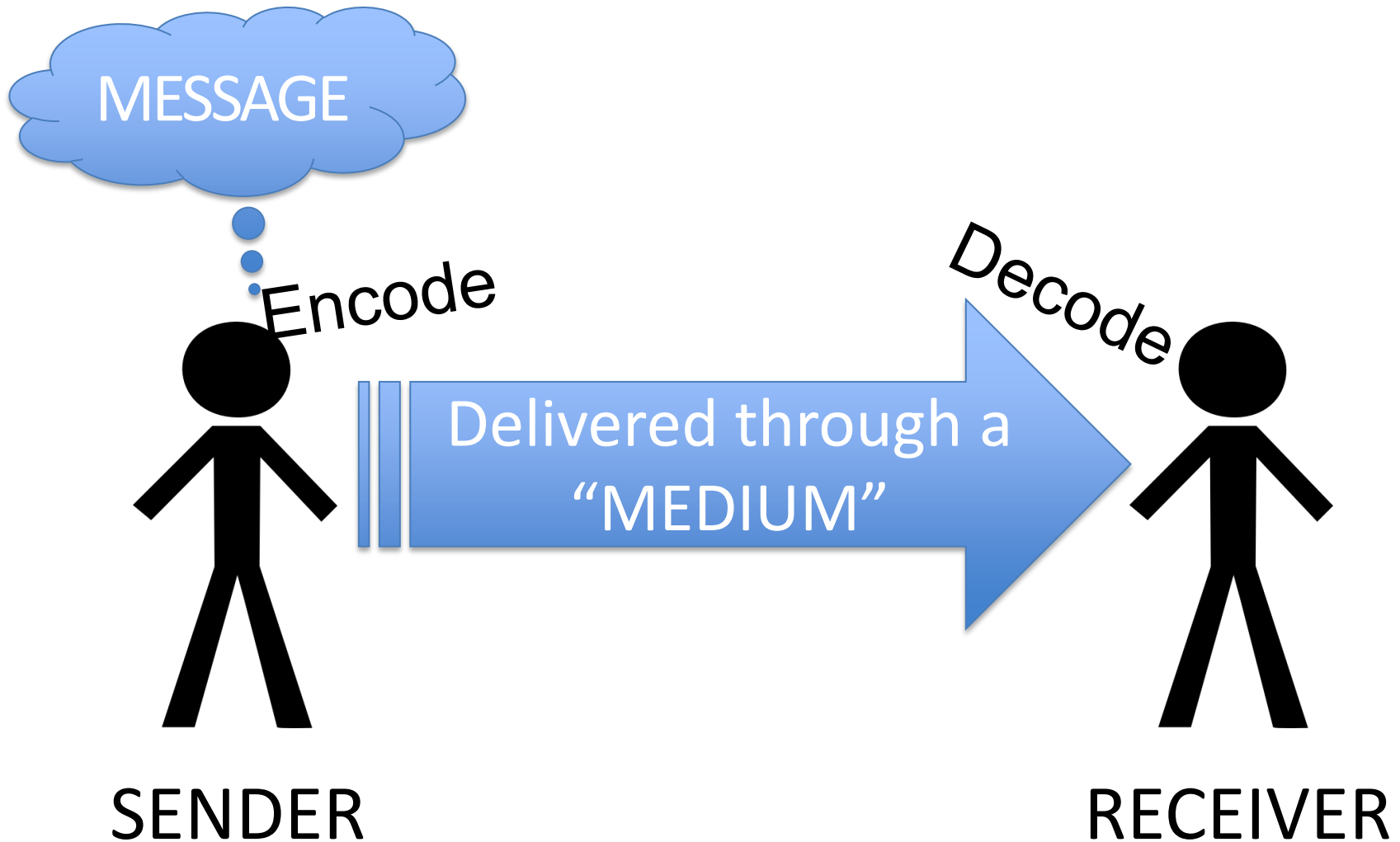


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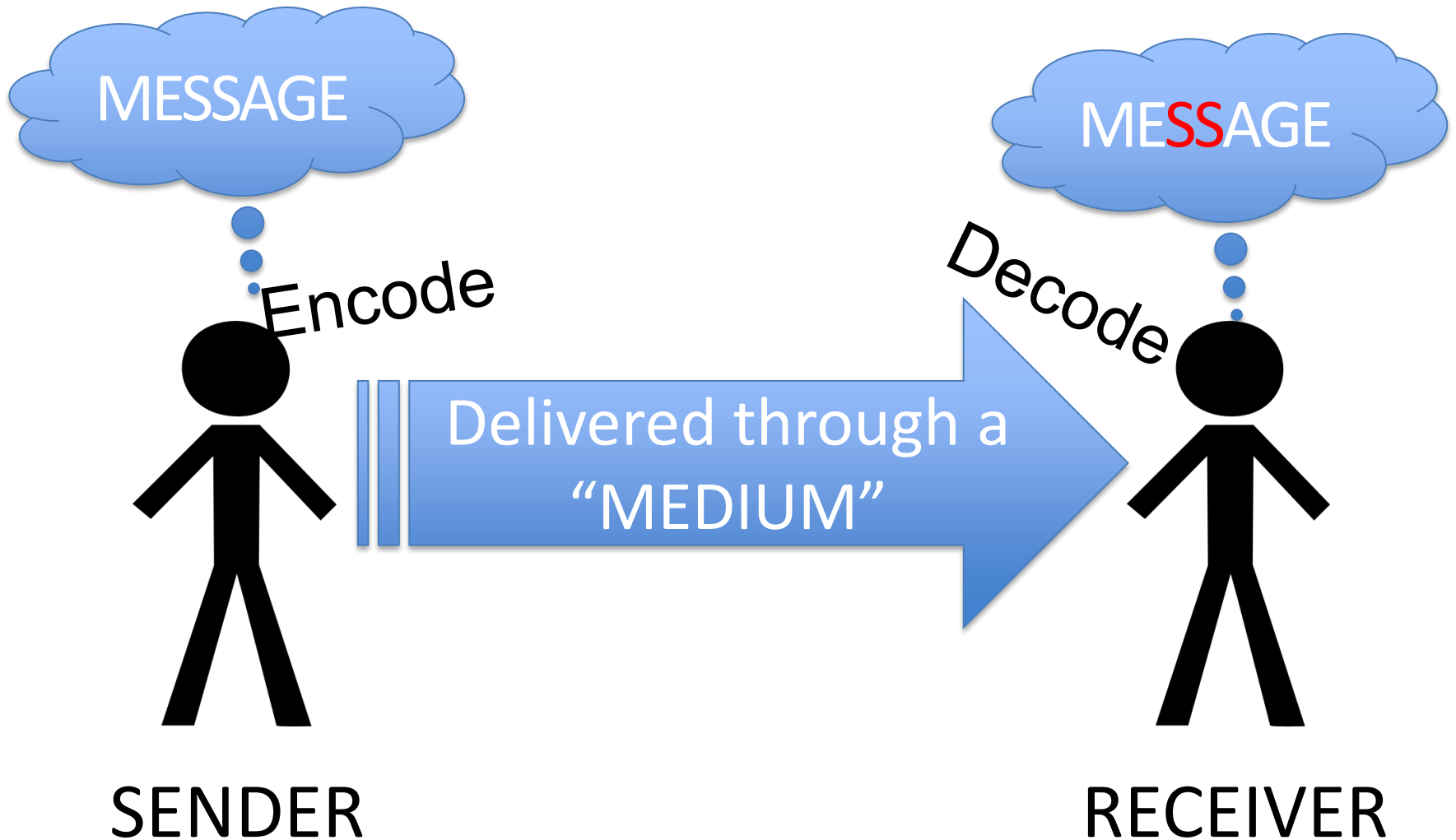




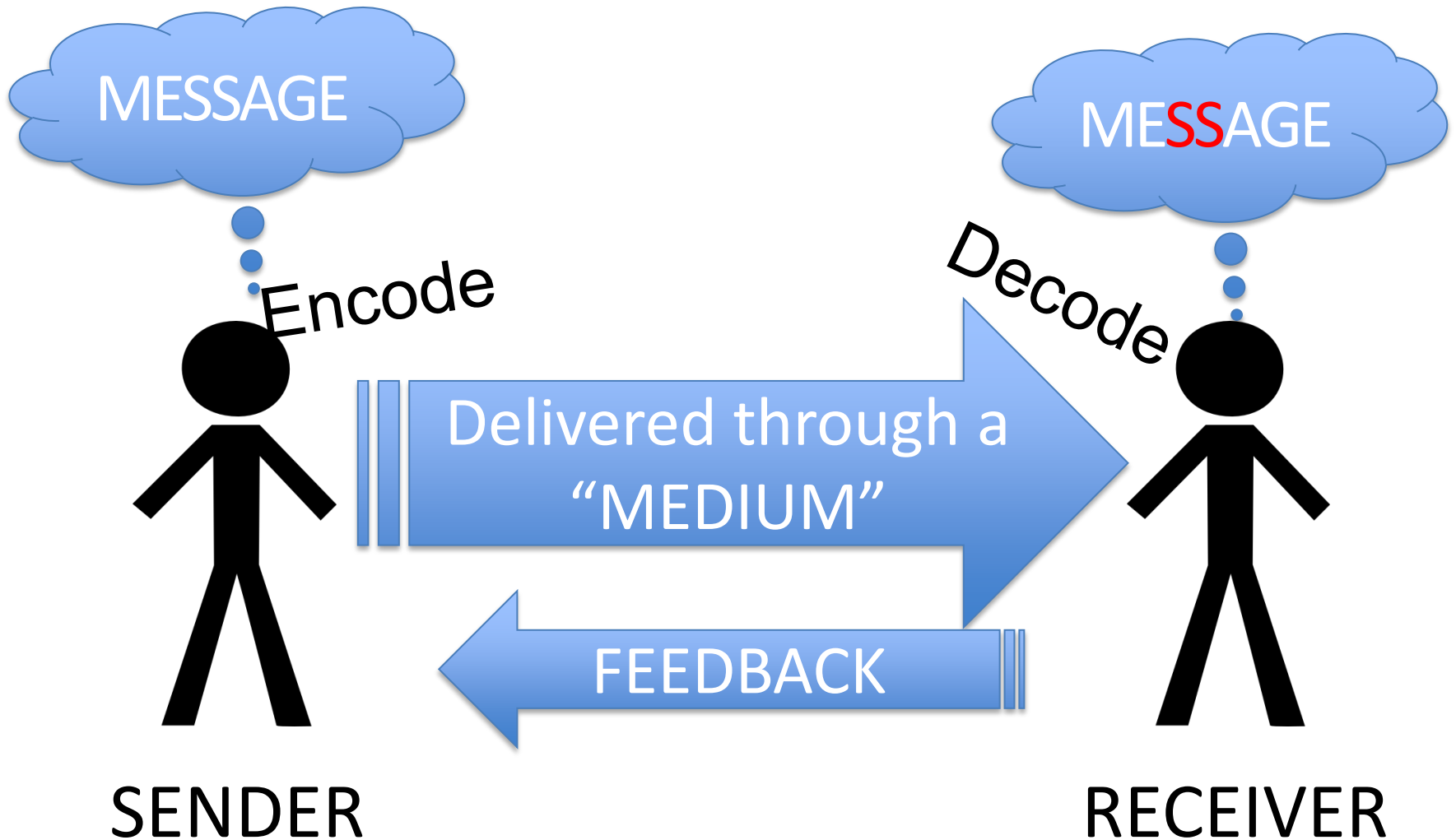
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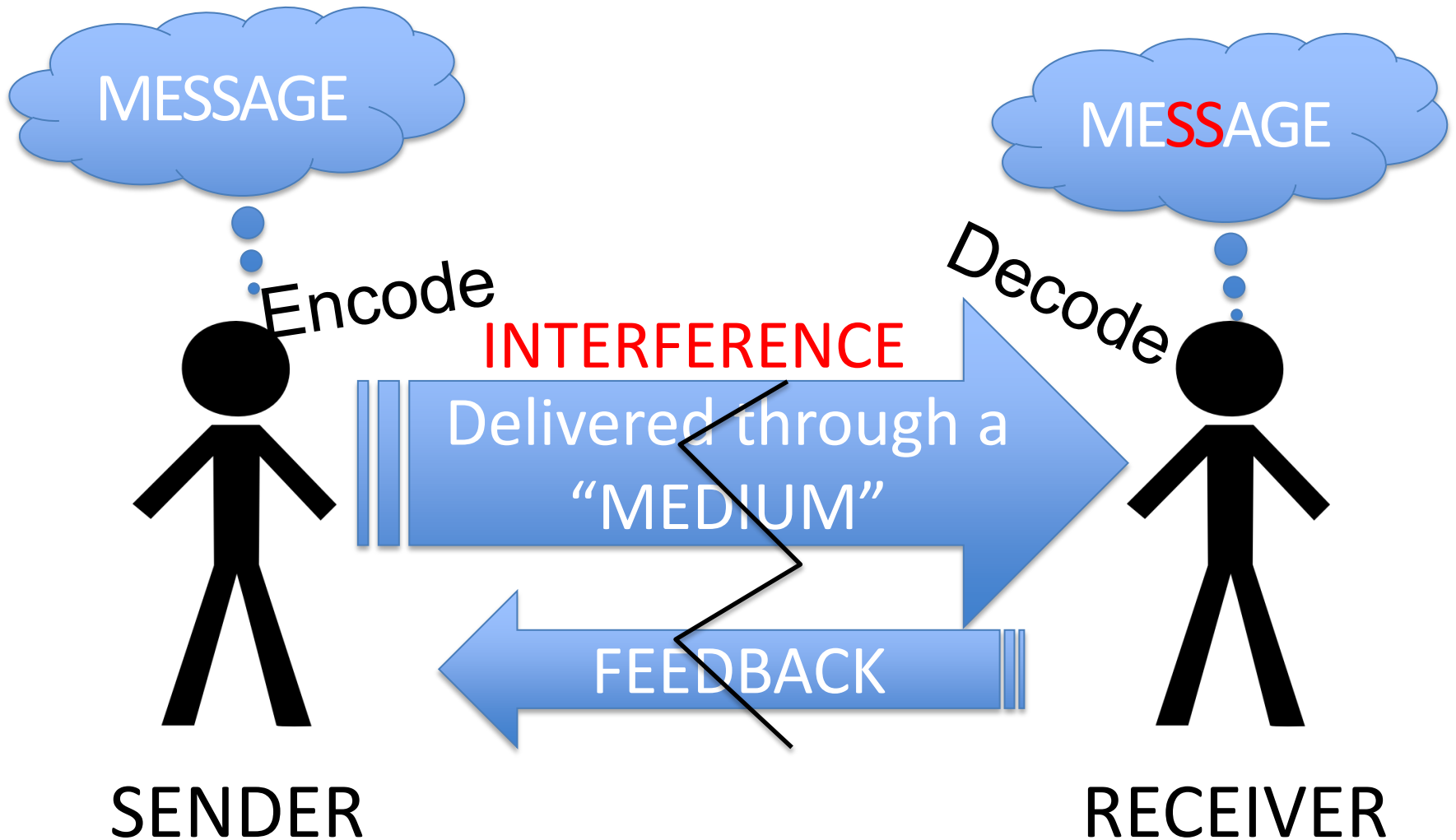
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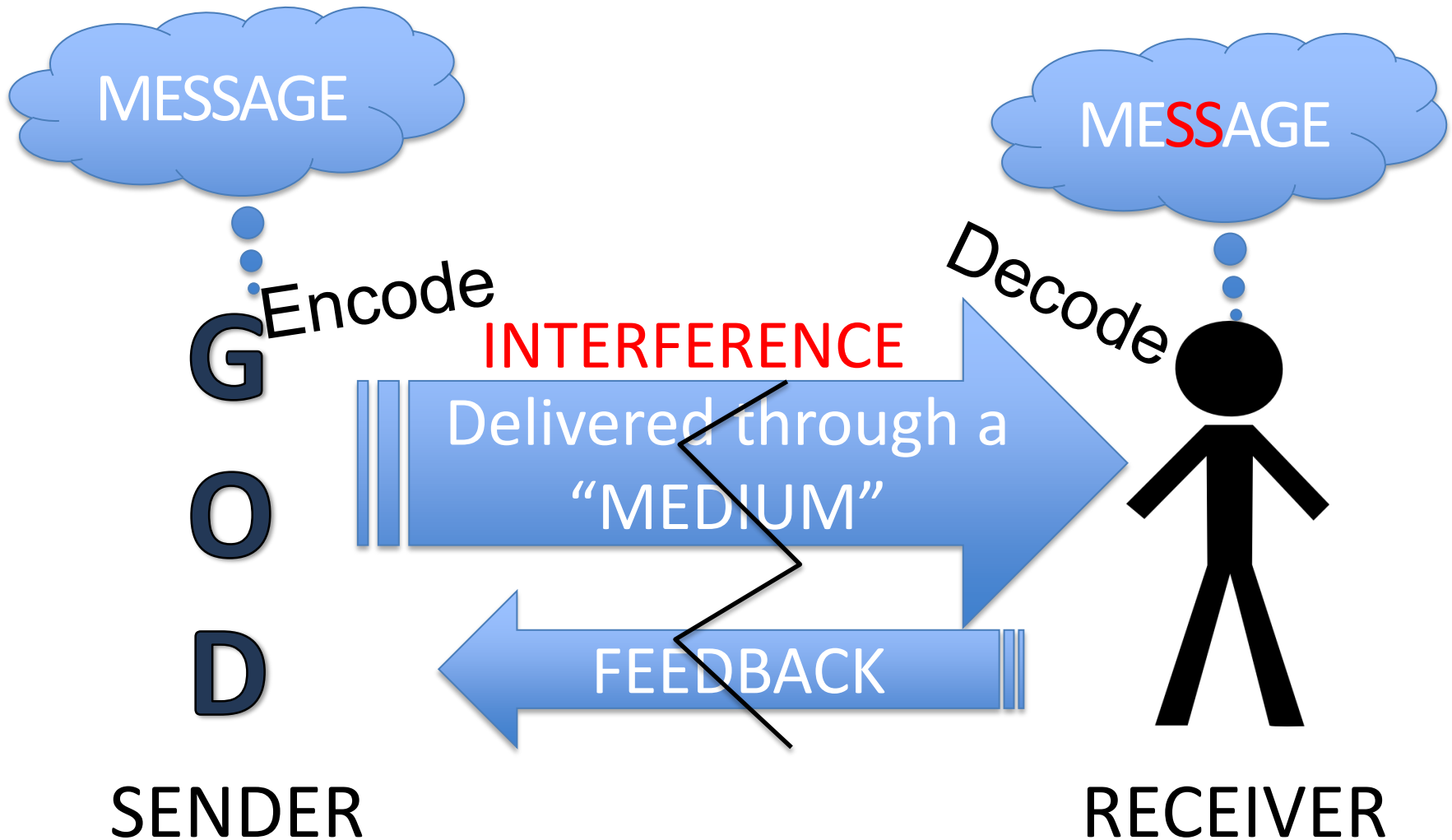
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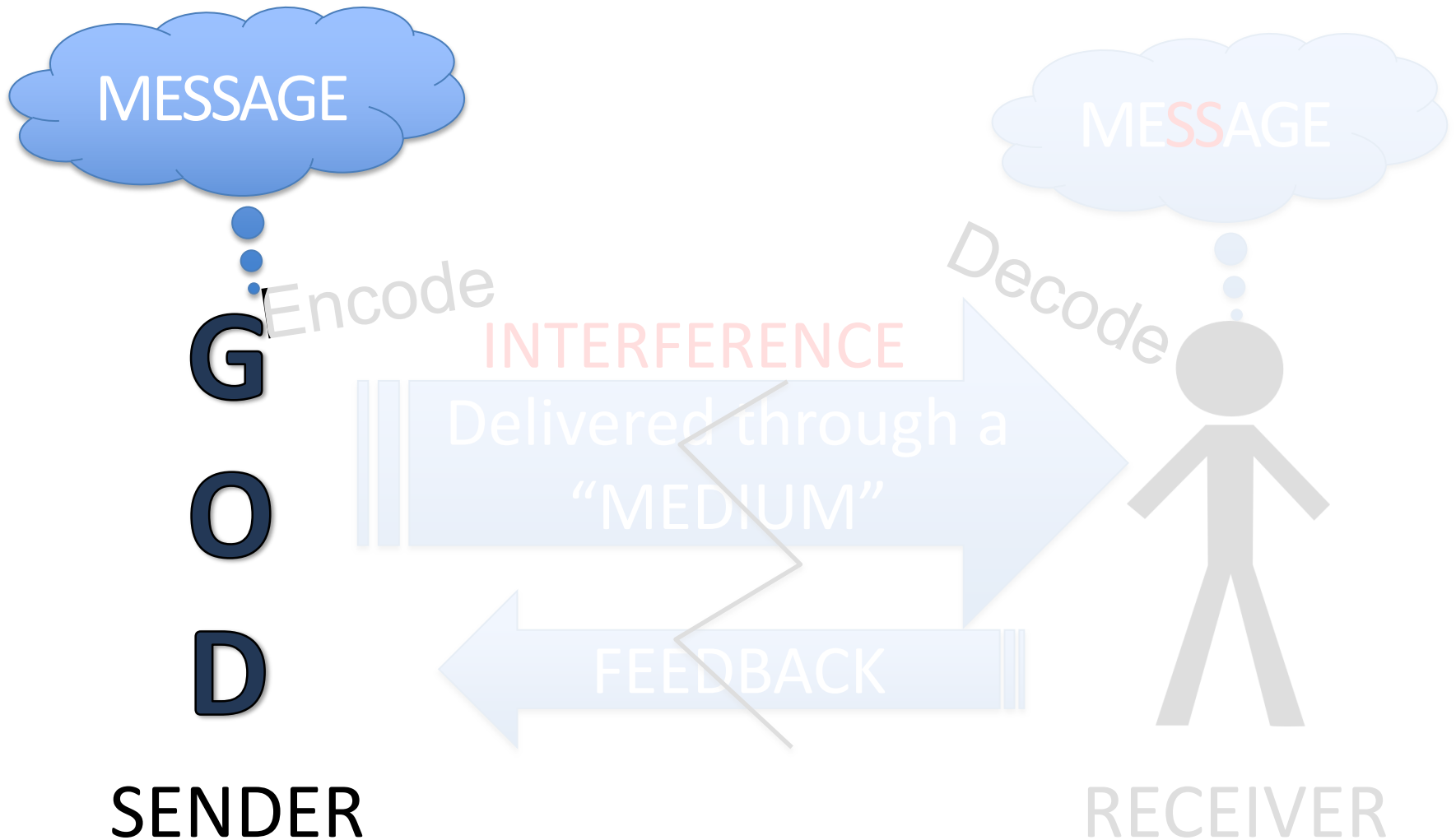
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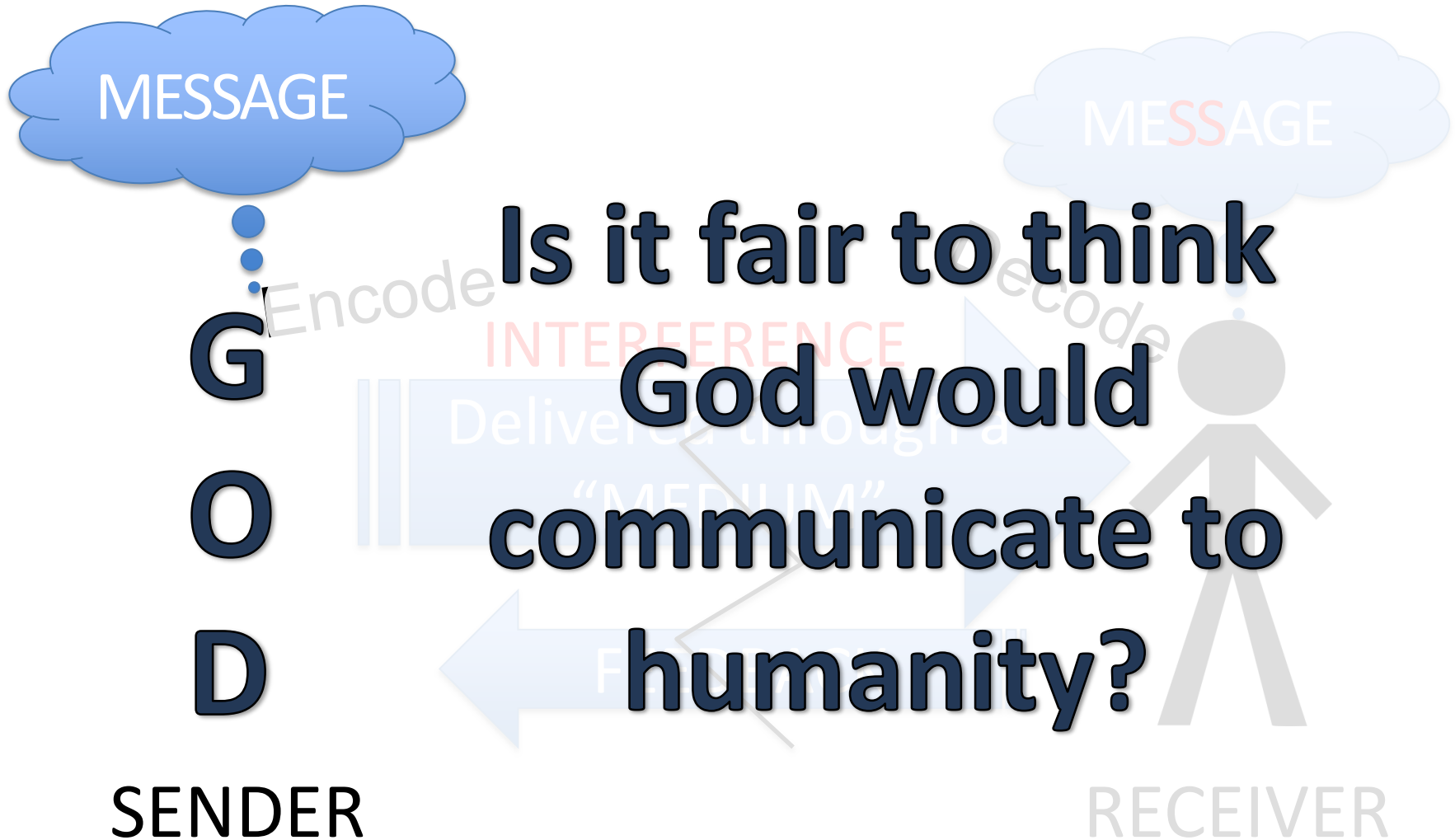
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**ABSOLUTELY!**

# **A Contrast Between Israel and Other Ancients**

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**Israel**

**Others**

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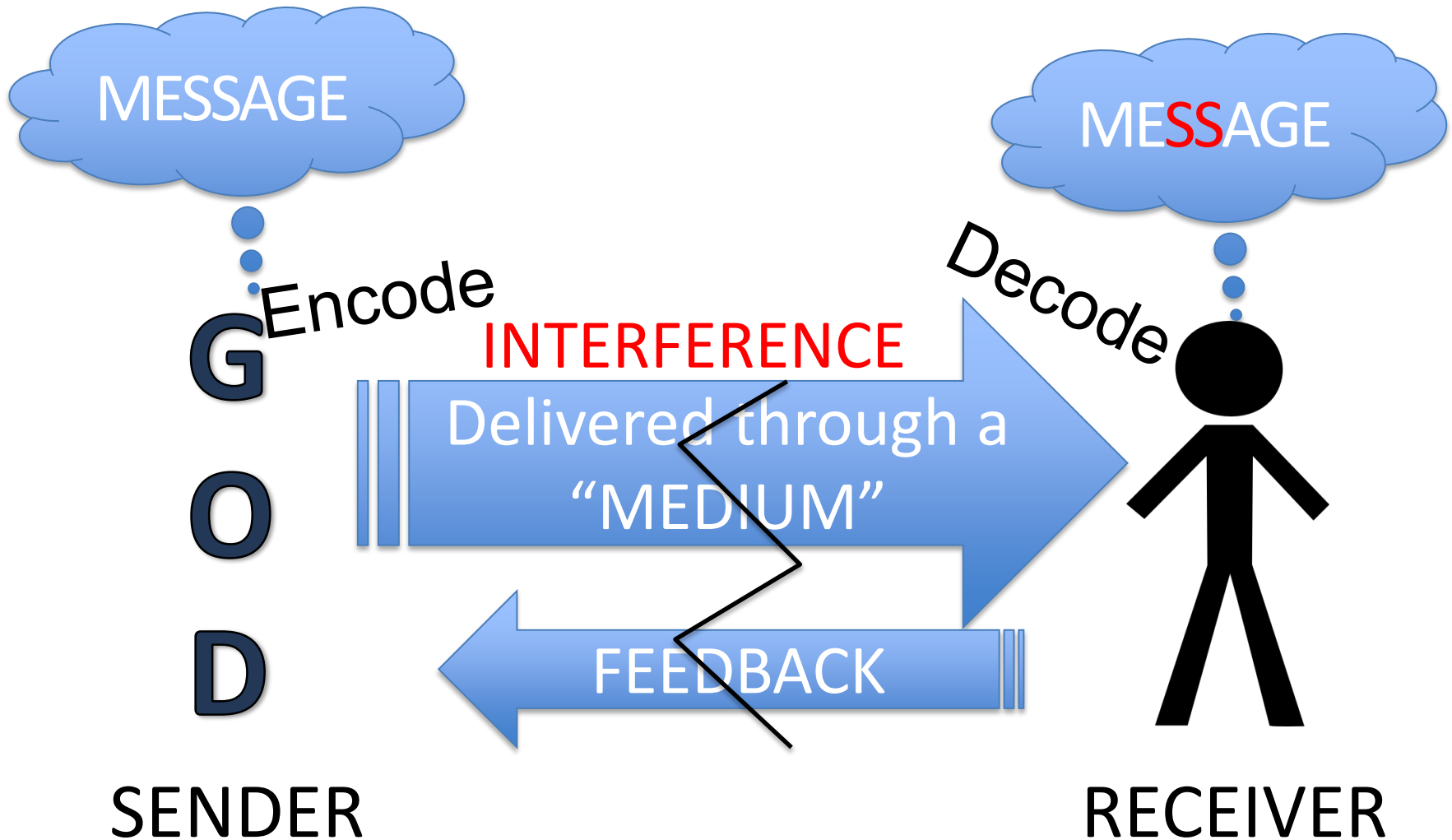
Others

People have to  
**work** to get the  
gods' attention

# Mount Carmel

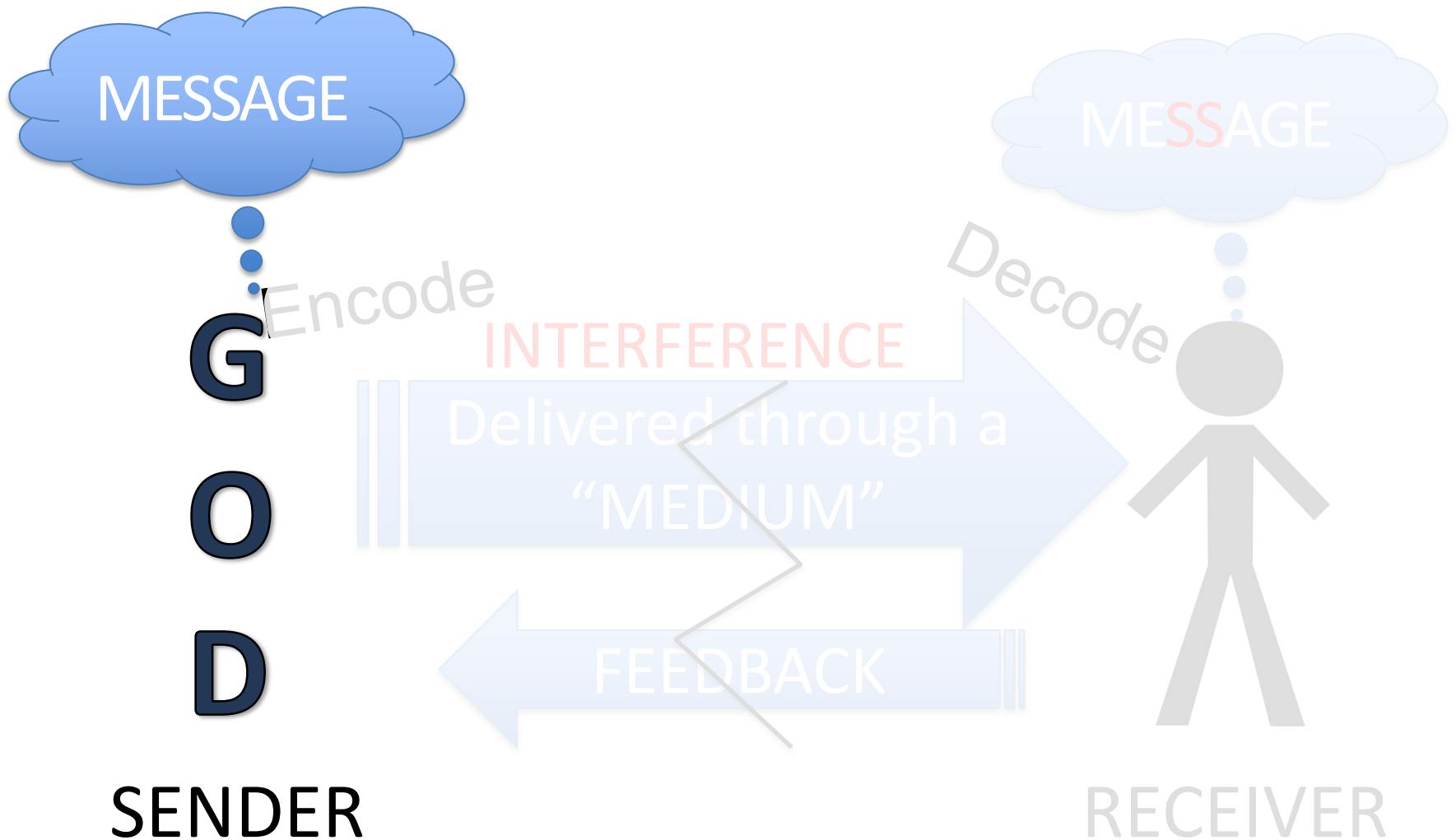


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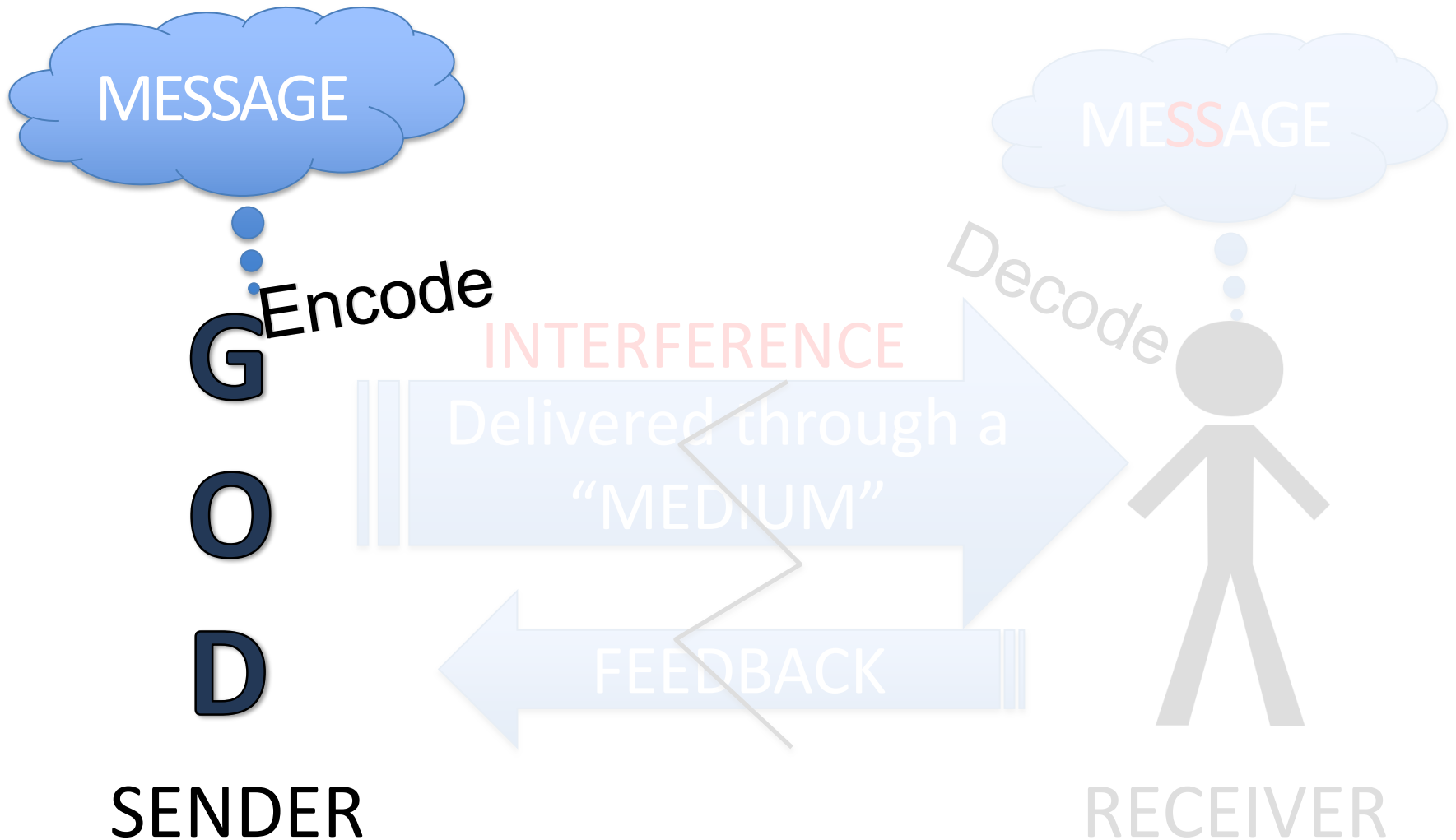




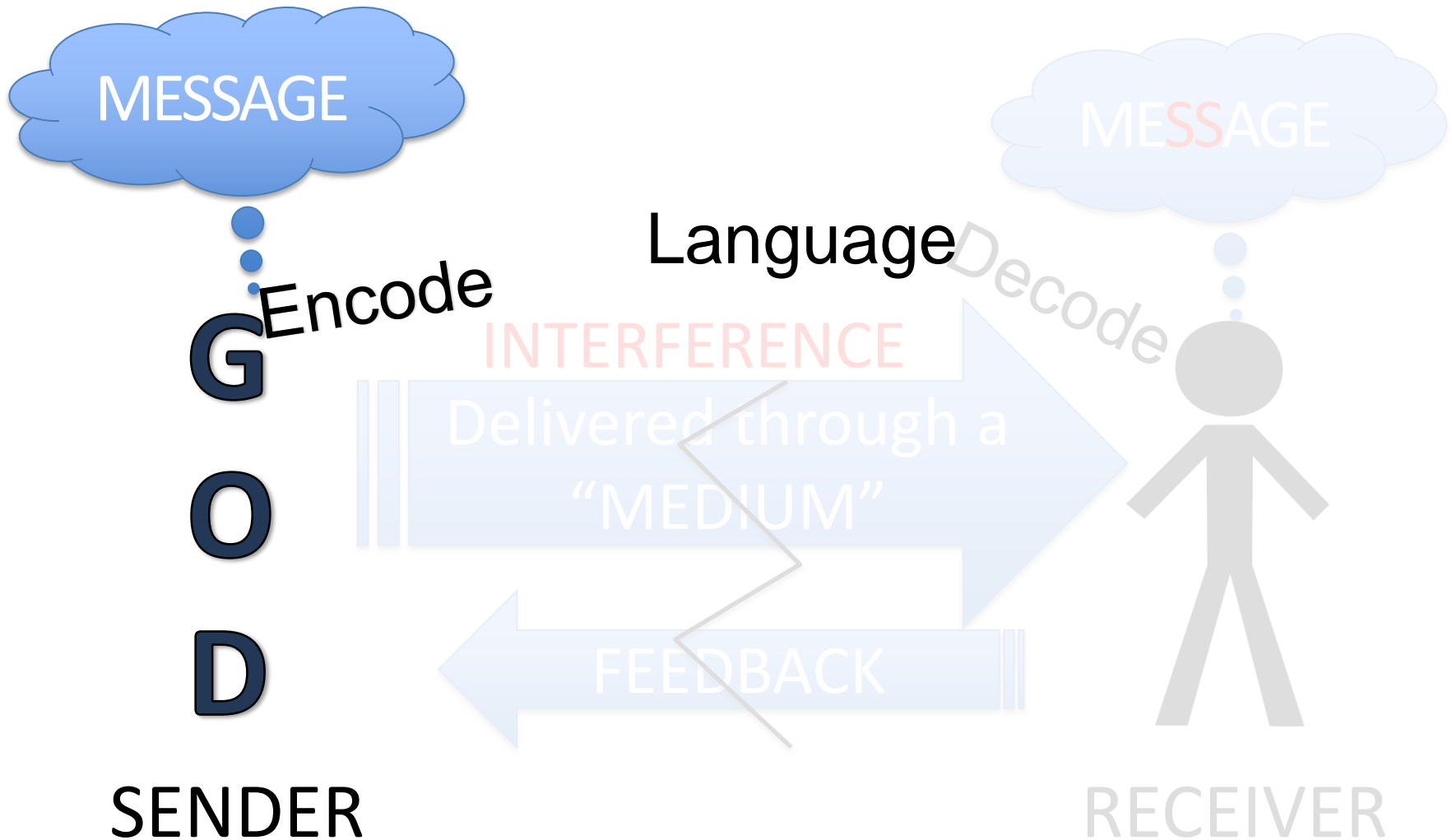
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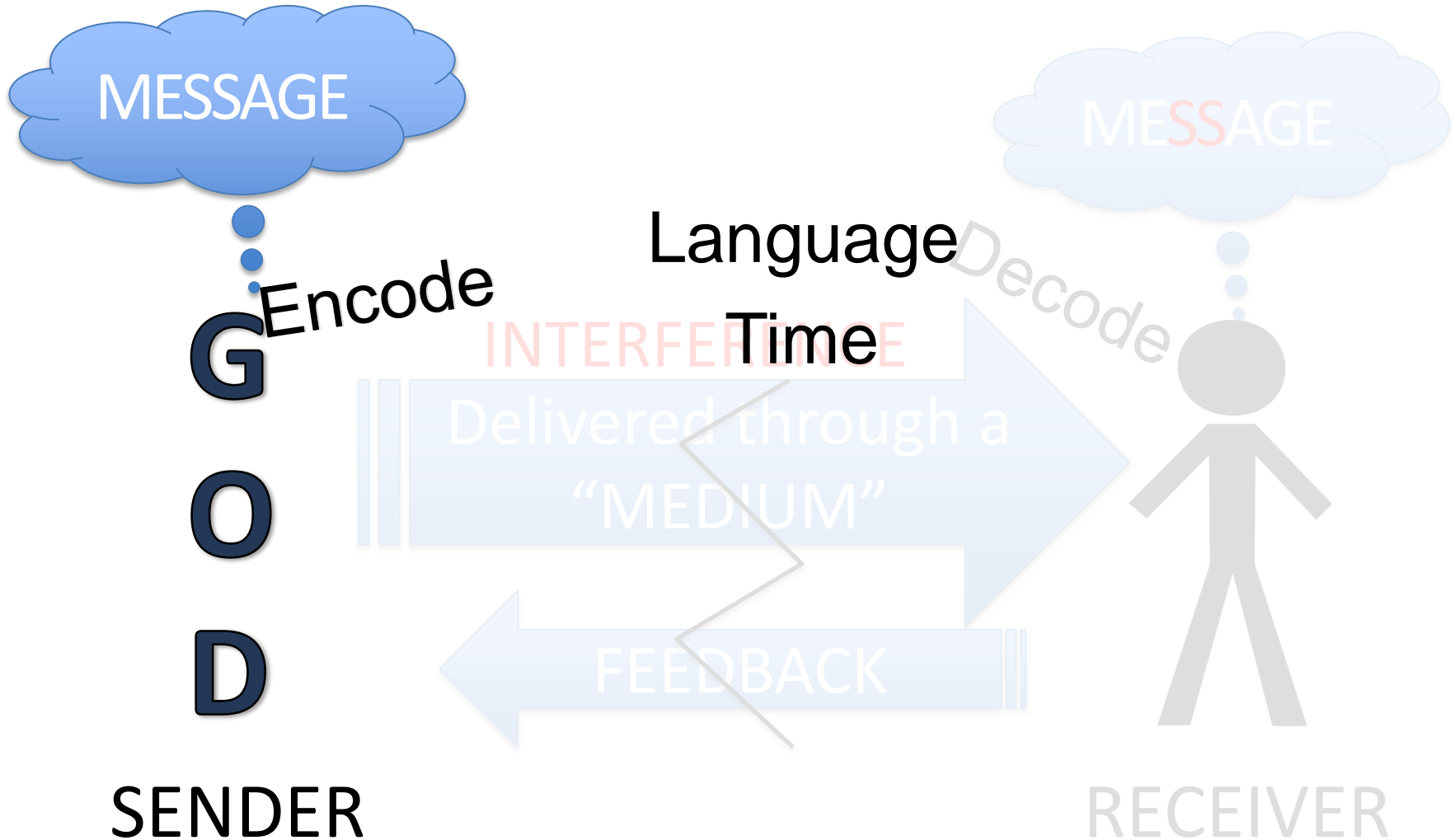
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# Prayer

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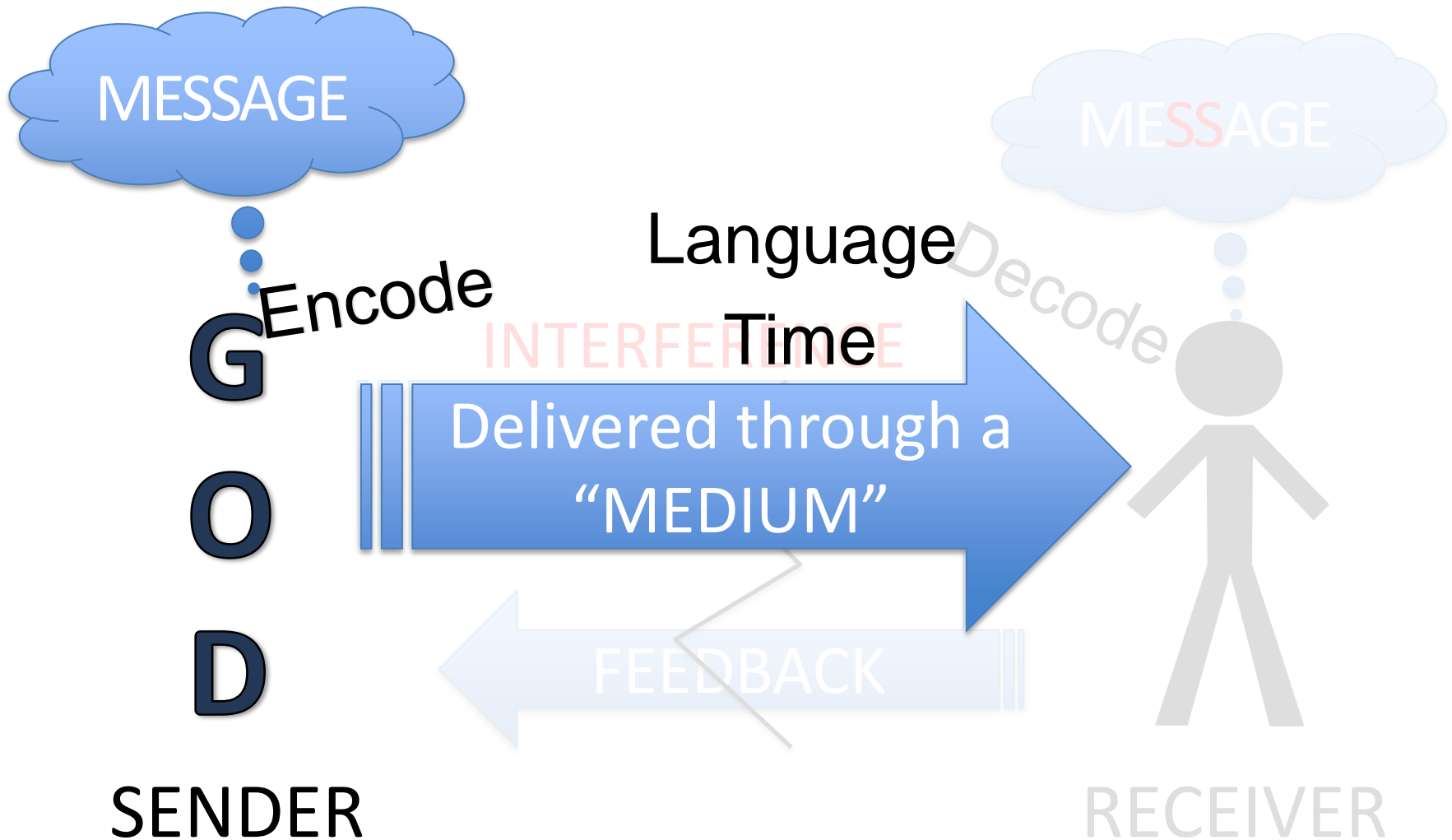
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# People

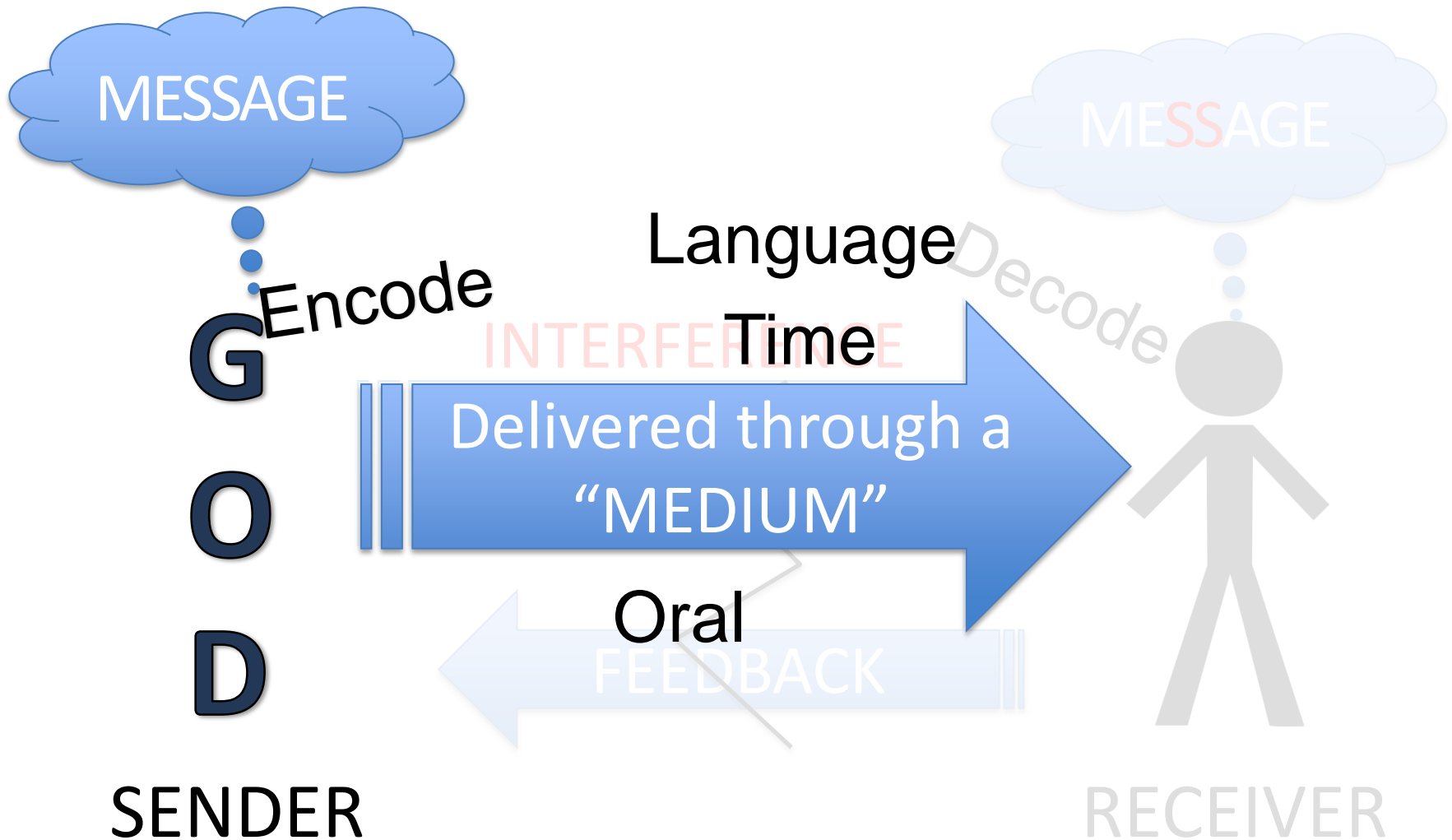
- Connection Group – 2 leaders needed
- PrayerPoints Devotional – 1 leader needed
- Secretary/Attendance – 2 volunteers needed
- Visual – 1 volunteer needed
- Women's – 1 leader needed

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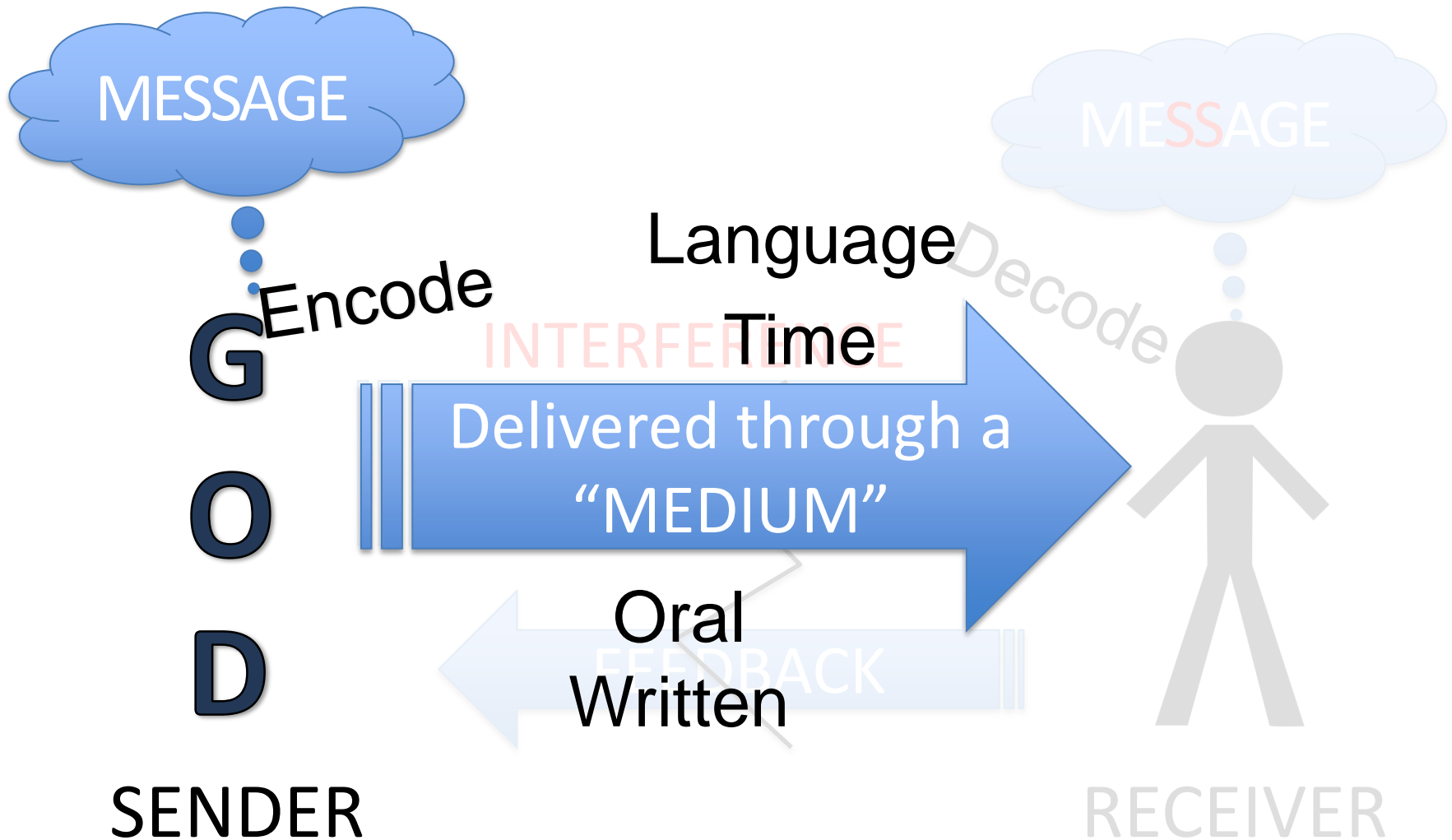




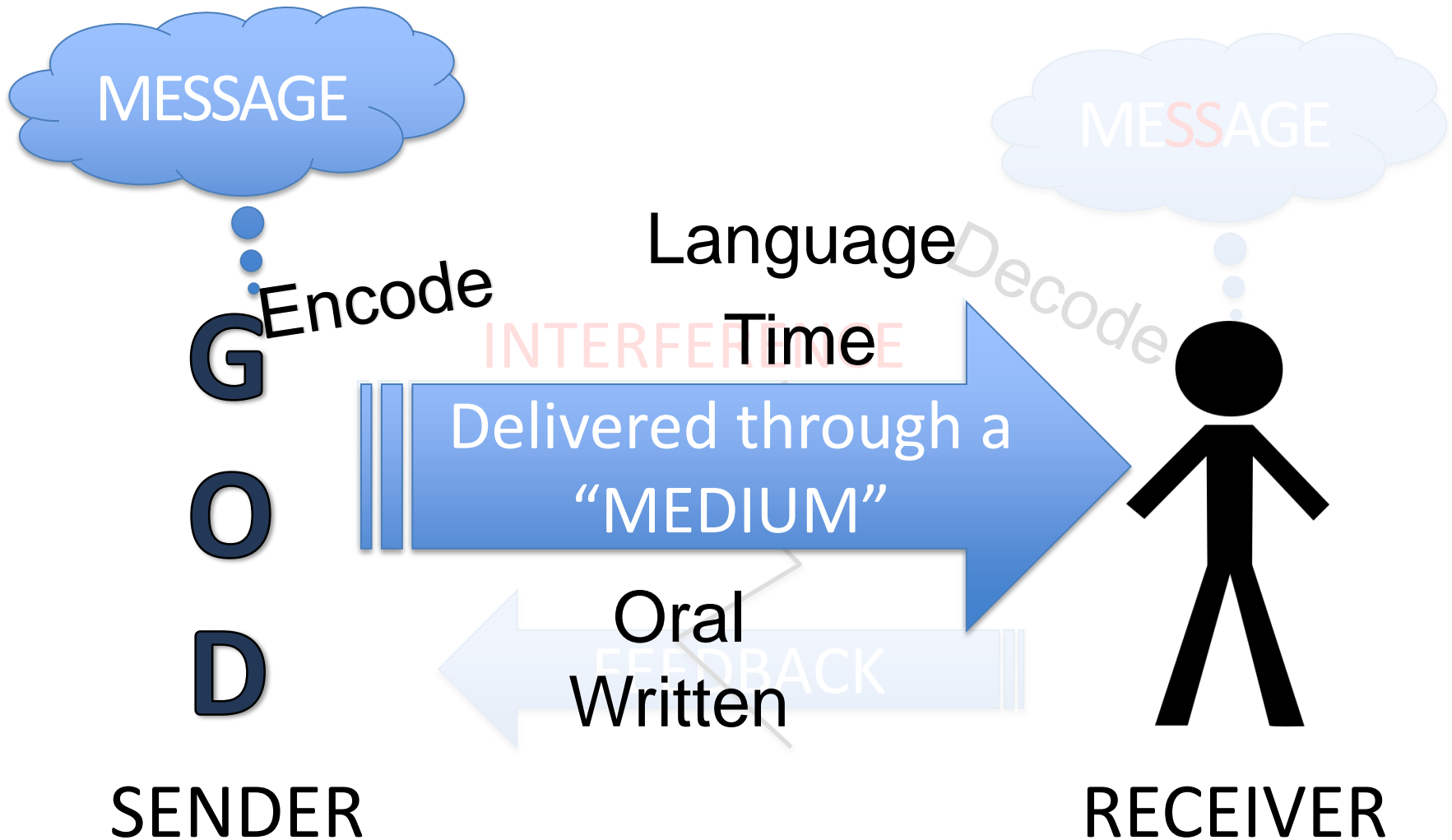
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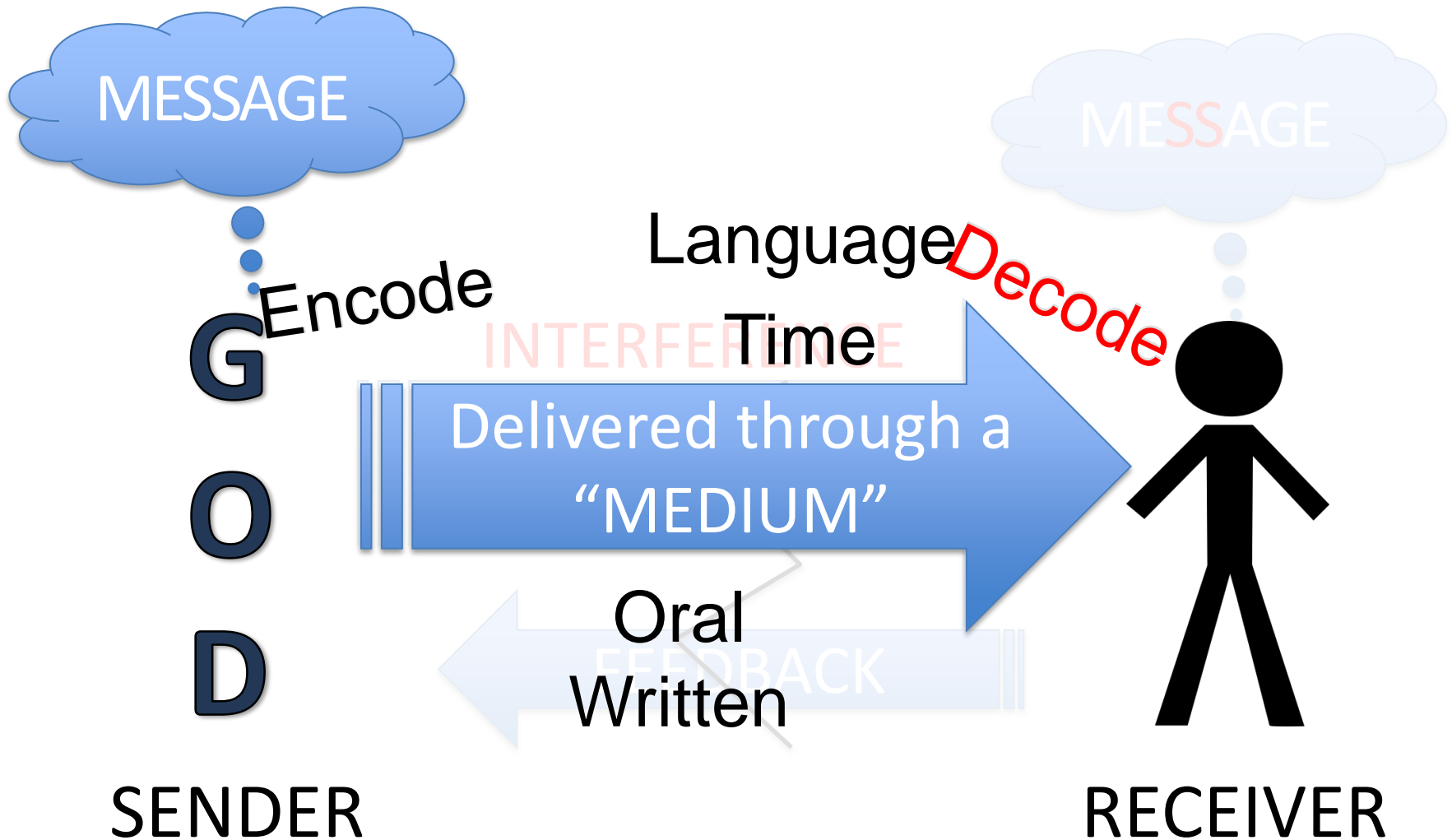
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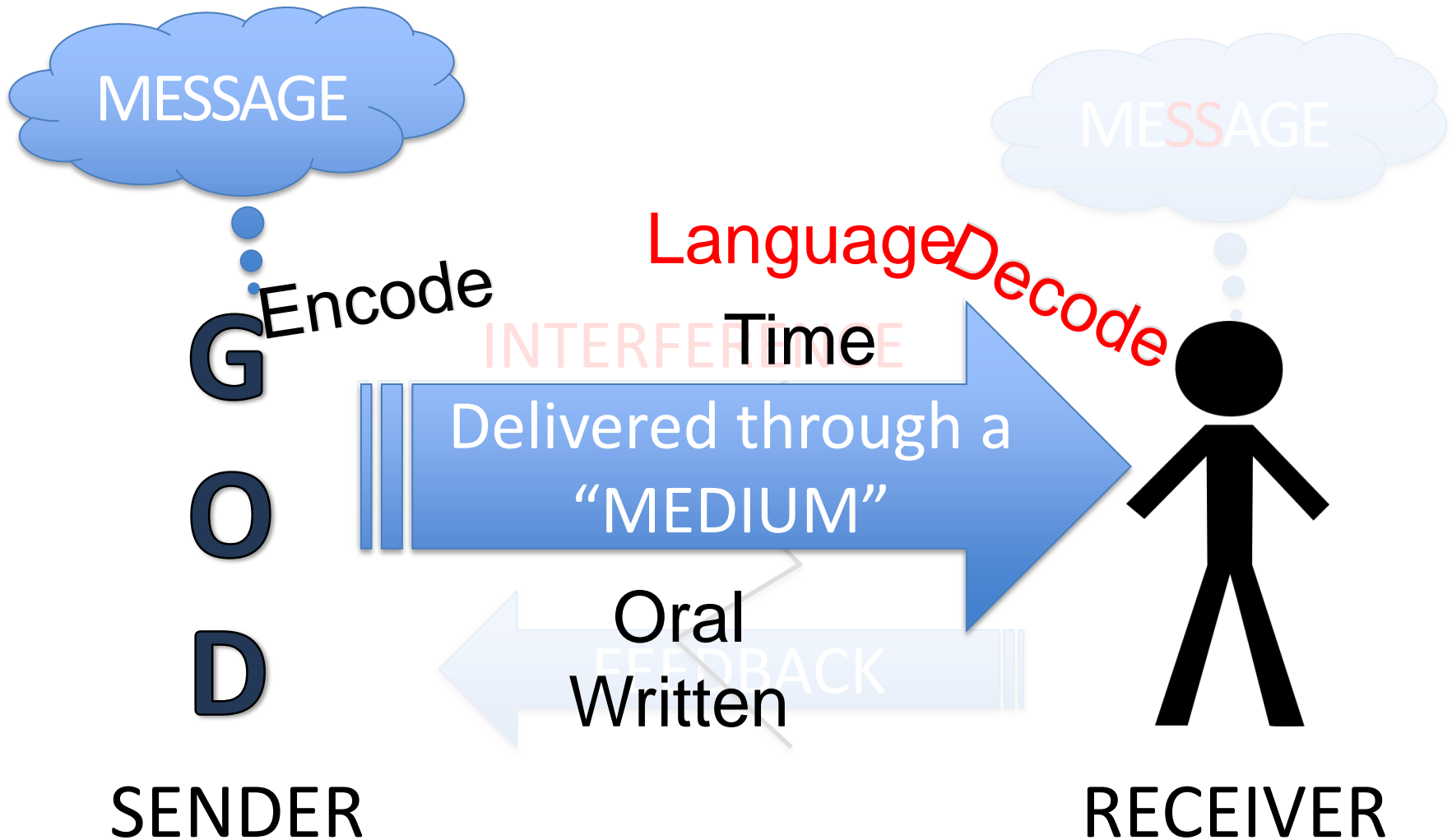
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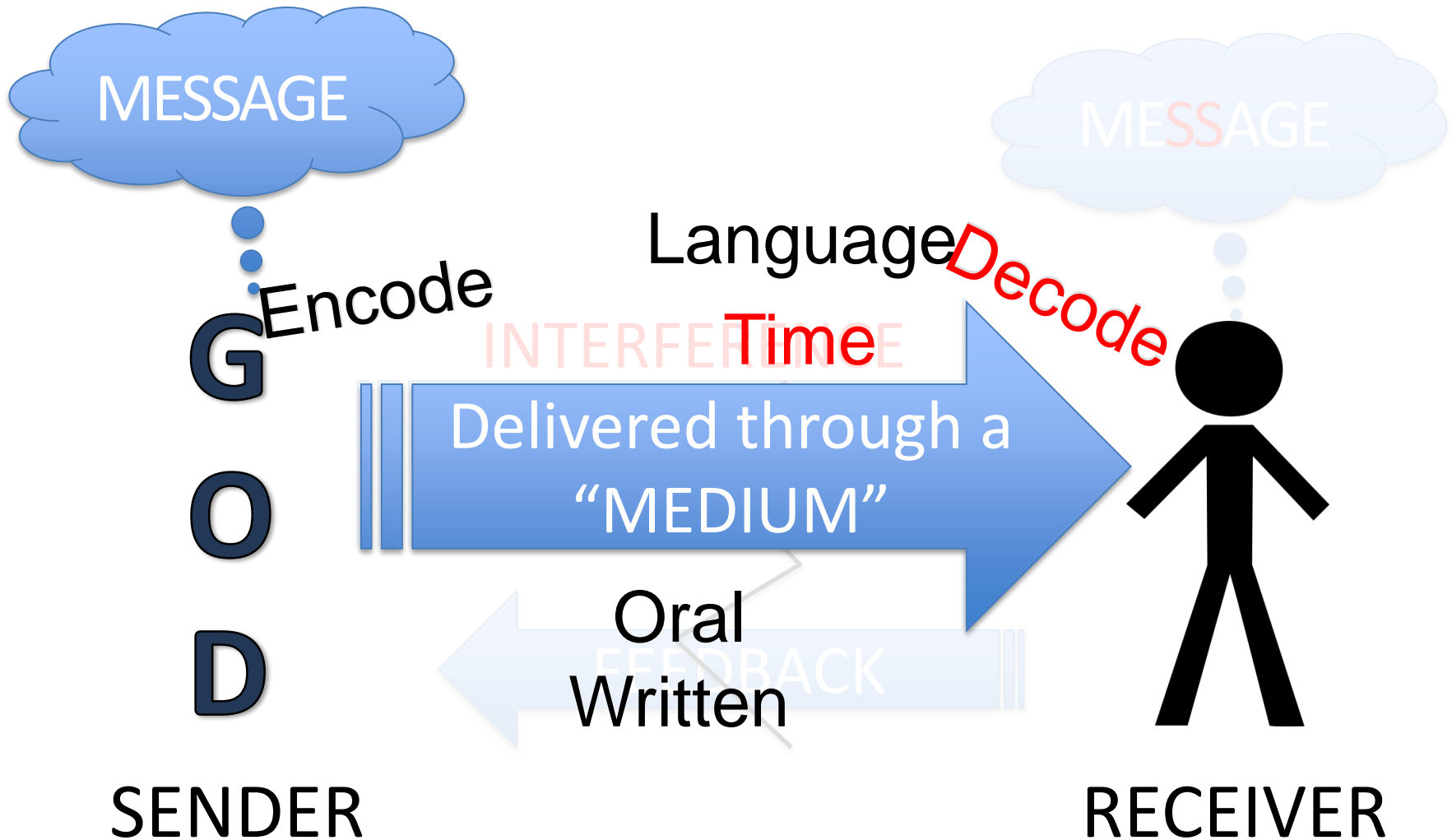
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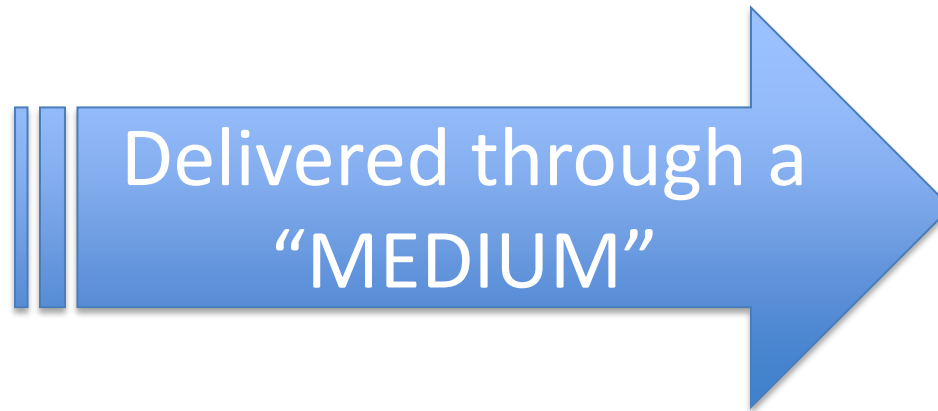
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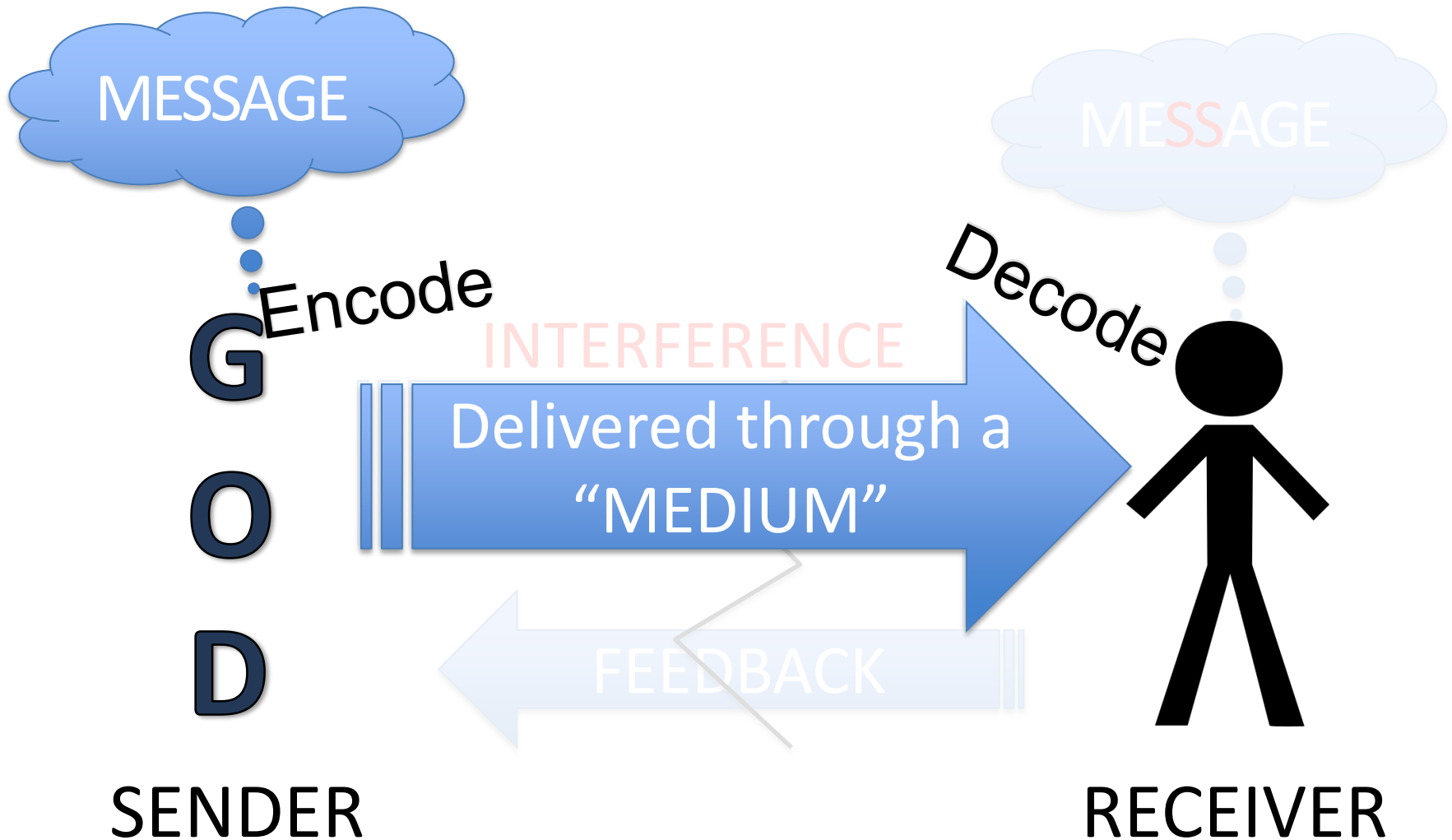


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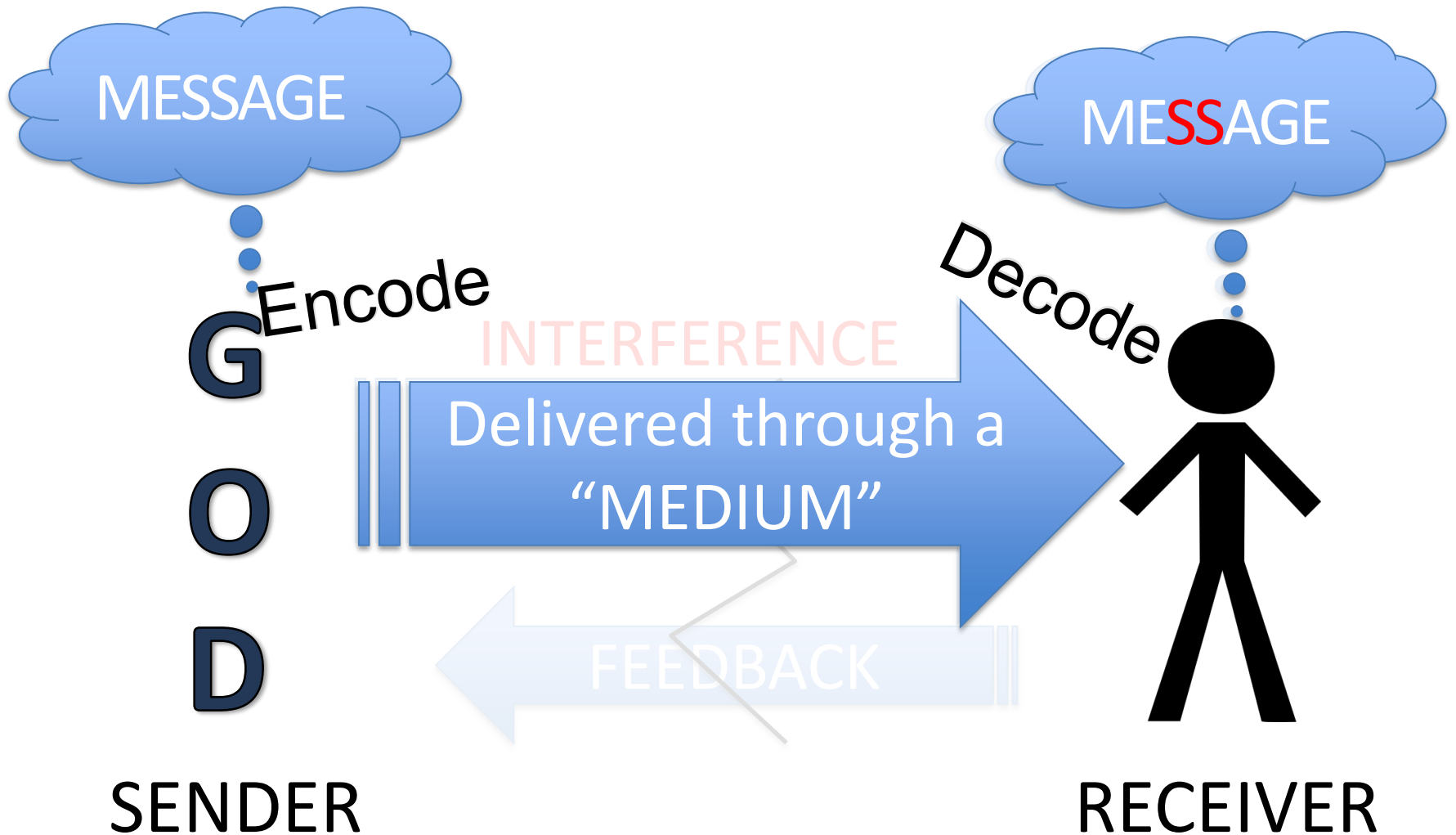
Keep Sender and  
message distinct!

Recognize the  
Sender!

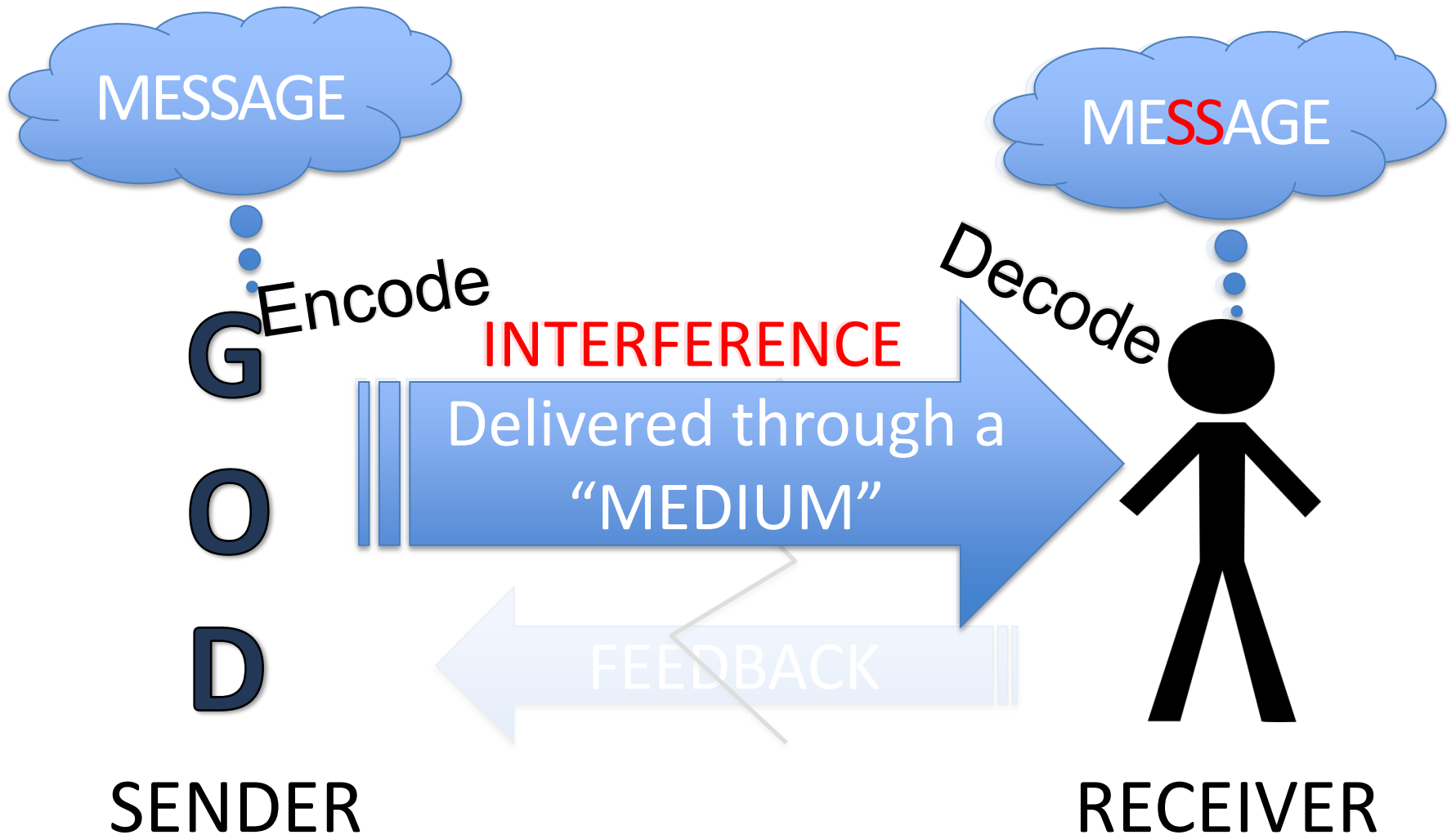
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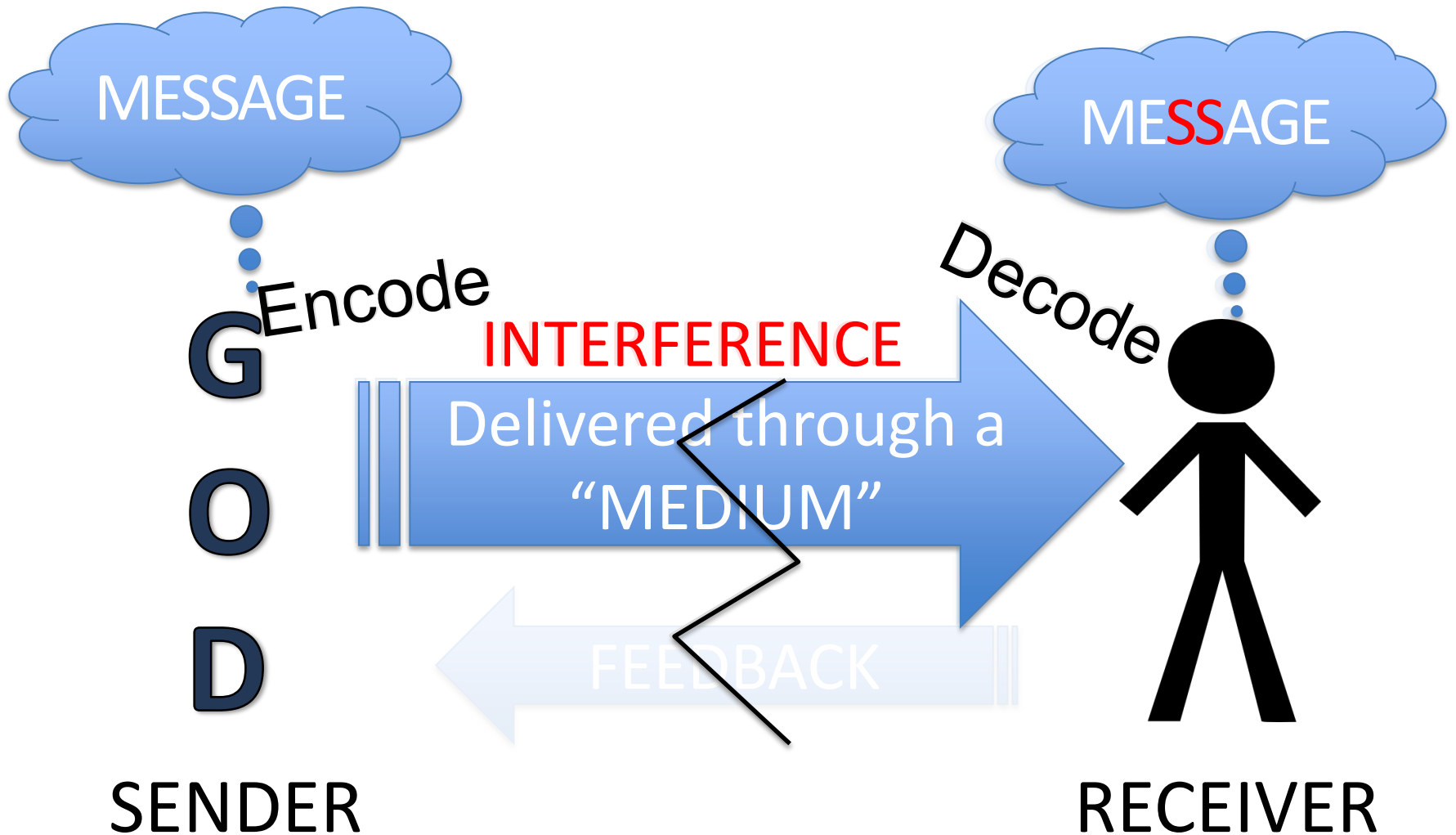
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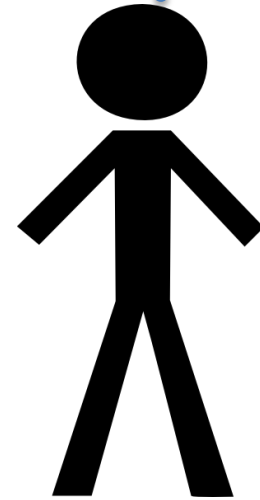


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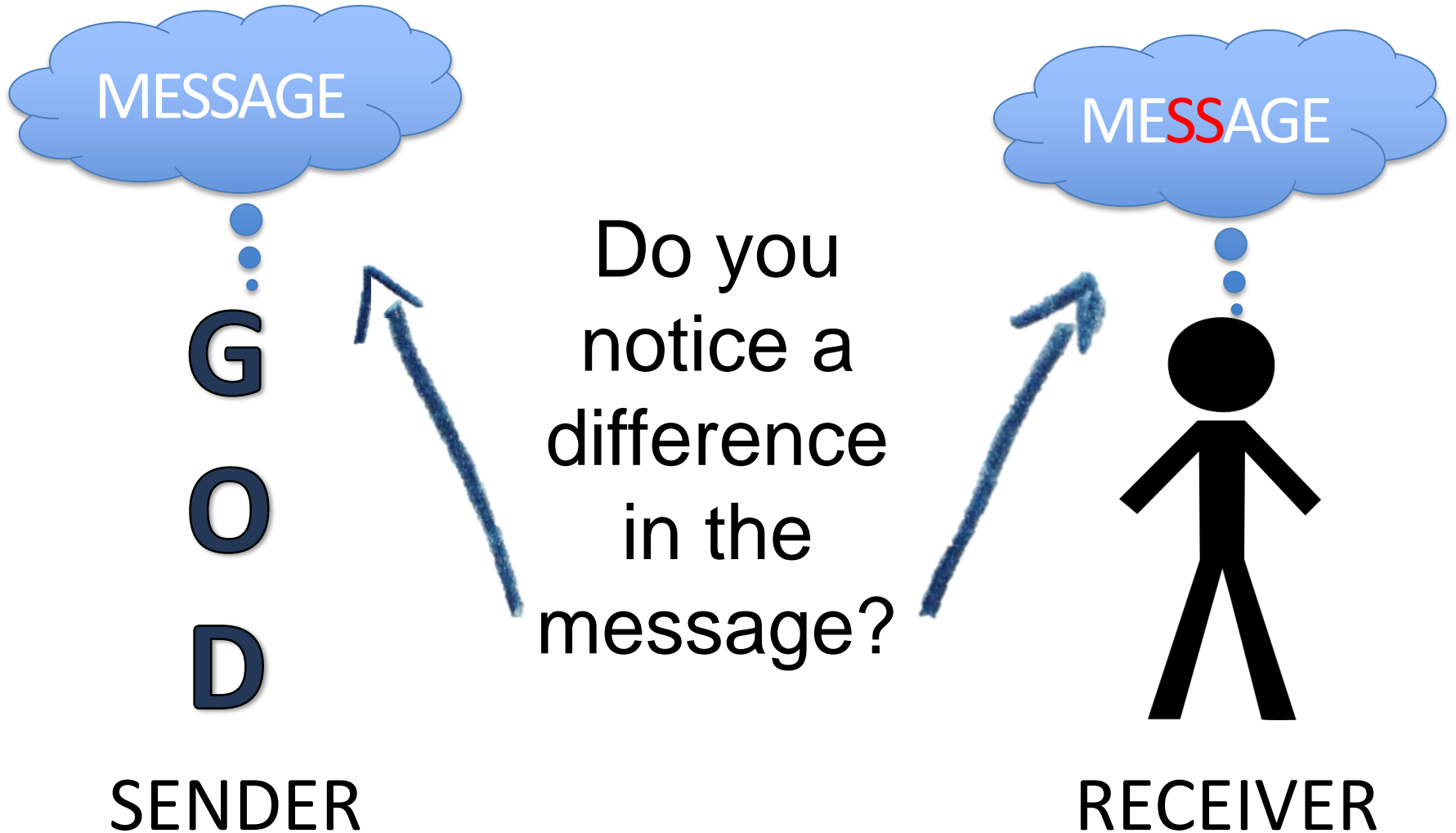
Do you  
notice a  
difference  
in the  
message?



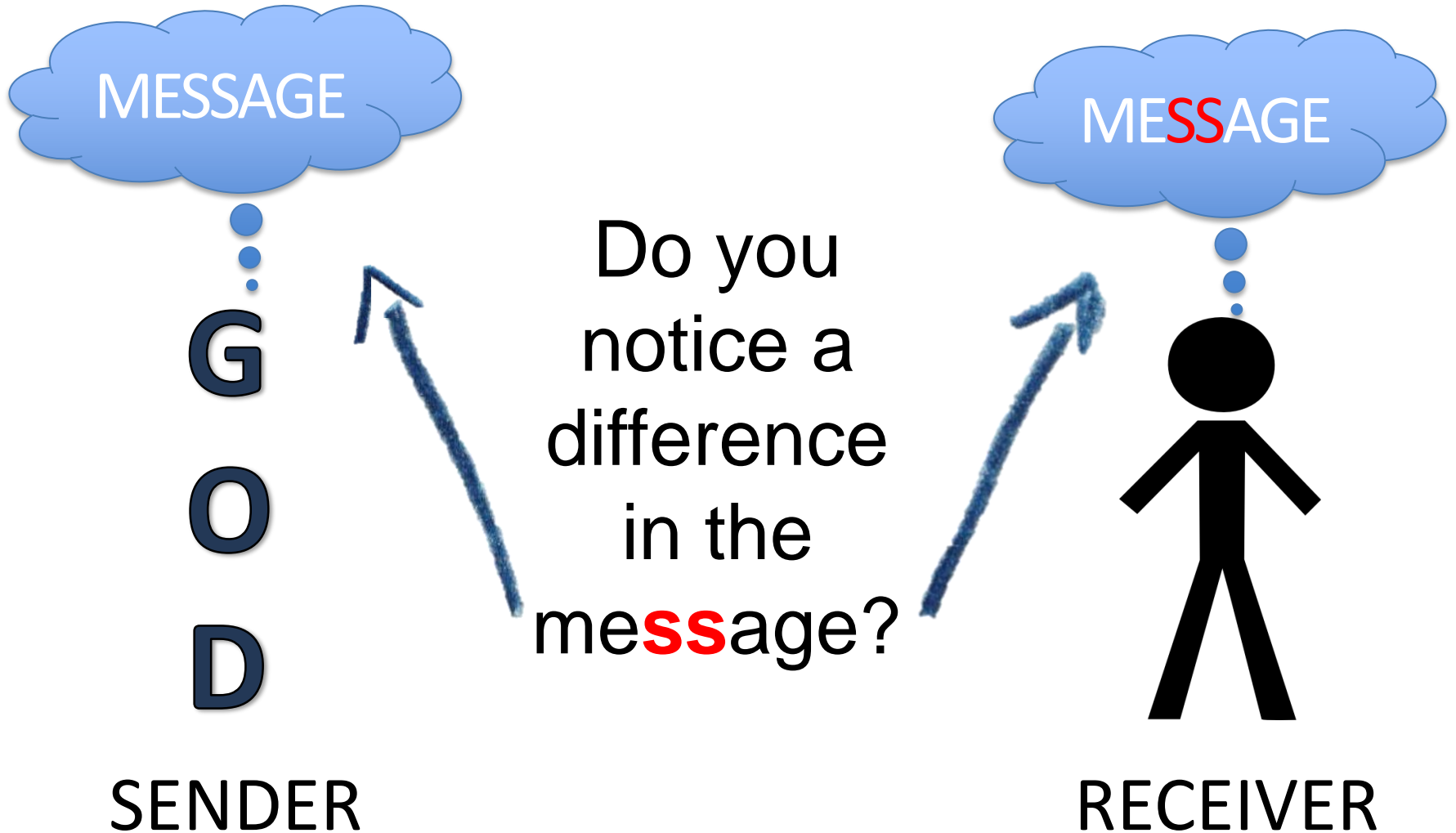
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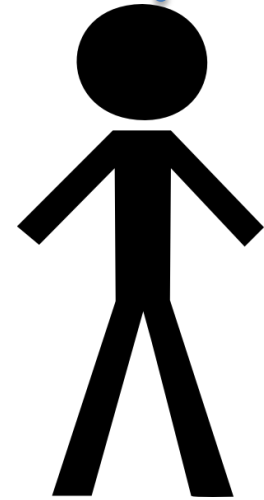


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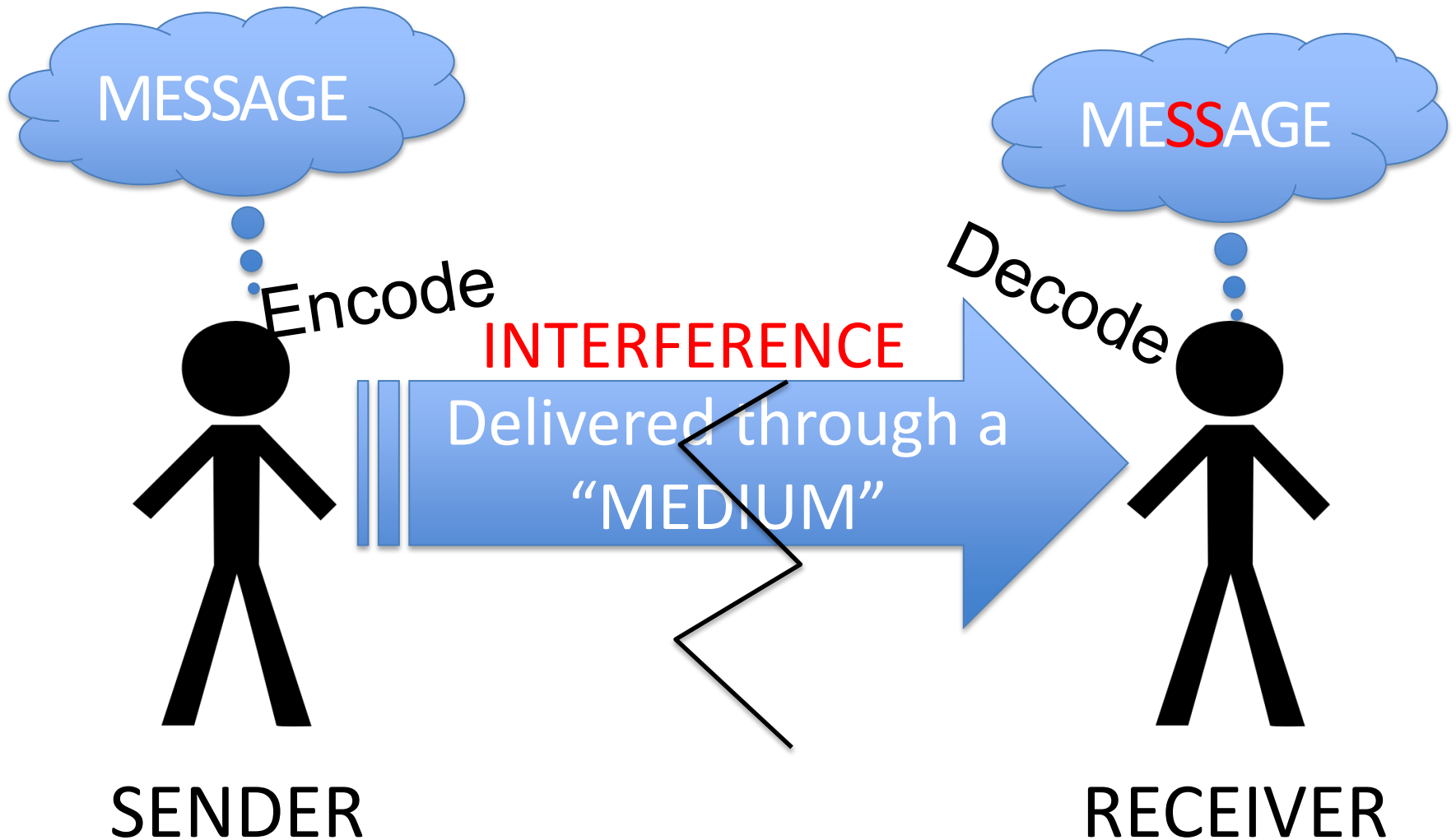
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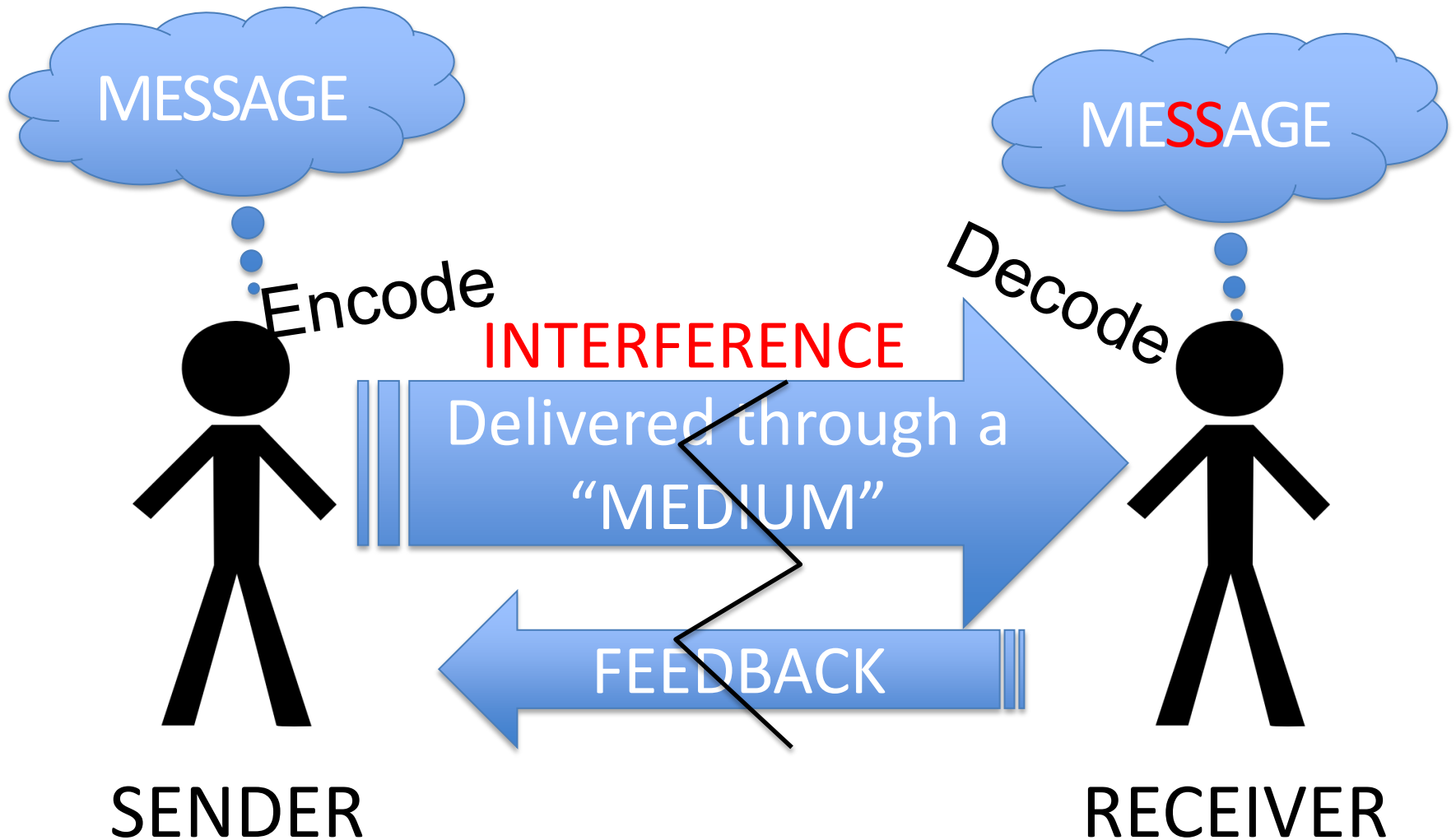


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## The Hebrew *Kaddish*

Exalted and hallowed be His great name  
In the world which he created according to his will  
May he let his kingdom rule in your lifetime

...

Amen.

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Amen.

**Jesus makes it PERSONAL**

“Human **language** is  
the special **faculty**  
through which **all**  
**conscious human**  
**activity** is filtered .”



Salvador Luria





## Points for home

*“If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead”*  
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Listen for HIM to speak in HIS  
wisdom in the manner HE chooses



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*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*

(2 Tim. 2:15)



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**Dig into God's word!**



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*“Your Father knows what you need before  
you ask him ”*

*(Mt. 6:8)*



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**We need to talk to God!**