

Studyguide Semantics -- LIN 510

Important:

Relations among words and sentences: synonym, antonym, polysymy, homophony, paraphrase, entailment, contradiction.

Meaning related: referent, extension, intension, features, prototypes, metaphor

Concepts: lexicalization, grammaticalization

Structural: ambiguity, theta-roles, pronouns and reflexives, principles A and B, c-command

Pragmatics: Grice

Relevant Questions: try 1 to 5; read 6 and 7; try 10, 13, 15. Skip section 3.1

Answers to the questions:

Q 1: s,a,s,a,a,s,s,a (If you were to study lexical semantics, you'd find more precise divisions).

Q 2: I haven't looked up the origin of these, so just guessing what non-linguist native speakers would consider these: ?p, p, h, p, h, h, ?

Q 3: p, e, p, c, p, e

Q 4: a. Intension: Head of State and Government

Extension: D. Trump

b. Intension: Head of State

Extension: Q Elizabeth II

c. Int: City where the government resides

Ext: Washington, etc.

Q 5:

i: dog: +canine, +animal, +adult

puppy: +canine, +animal, -adult

cat: +feline, +animal, +adult

kitten: +feline, +animal, -adult

ii: the first feature would be replaced by +human

iii: try it. Abstract nouns are notoriously hard.

Q 10: i. dual/trial; exclusionary/inclusionary

ii. gender in the third person.

Q 13: a is done in the book as example

b. Liane will kiss who

← <ag, th> →

c. The group will leave from which house

← <ag> <source> →

d. Marvin might forget what on the bus
 ← <ag, th> → <loc> →

- Q 15 i: secretary
 ii: closer; knowledge of the world (secretaries type reports)
 iii: more likely to be architect because janitors seem (knowledge of the world) to be less likely to type reports than architects.

 For fun:

Meaning:

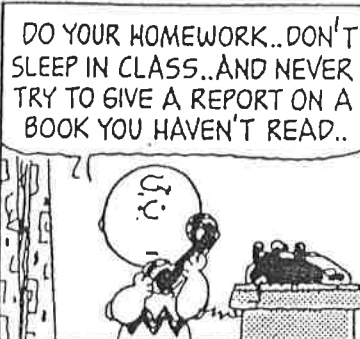
"Then you should say what you mean," the March Hare went on.
 "I do," Alice hastily replied, "at least-I mean what I say-that's the same thing, you know."
 "Not the same thing a bit!" said the Hatter. "You might as well say that 'I see what I eat' is the same thing as 'I eat what I see'!"
 "You might just as well say," added the March Hare, "that 'I like what I get' is the same thing as 'I get what I like'!"
 "You might just as well say," added the Dormouse..."that 'I breathe when I sleep is the same thing as 'I sleep when I breathe'!"
 "It is the same thing with you," said the Hatter.

Homophony:

"Mine is a long and sad tale!" said the Mouse, turning to Alice and sighing. "It is a long tail, certainly," said Alice, looking with wonder at the Mouse's tail, "but why do you call it sad?"
 "How is bread made?"
 "I know that!" Alice cried eagerly.
 "You take some flour -"
 "Where do you pick the flower?" the White Queen asked. "In a garden, or in the hedges?"
 "Well, it isn't picked at all," Alice explained; "it's ground-"
 "How many acres of ground?" said the White Queen.

Presupposition (or implication) etc:

"Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.
 "I've had nothing yet," Alice relied in an offended tone, "so I can't take more."
 "You mean you can't take less," said the Hatter: "It's very easy to take more than nothing."



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Test:

1. What important event took place on December 16, 1773?



I do NOT BELIEVE IN LINEAR TIME. THERE IS NO PAST AND FUTURE: ALL IS ONE, AND EXISTENCE IN THE TEMPORAL SENSE IS ILLUSORY. THIS QUESTION, THEREFORE, IS MEANINGLESS AND IMPOSSIBLE TO ANSWER.



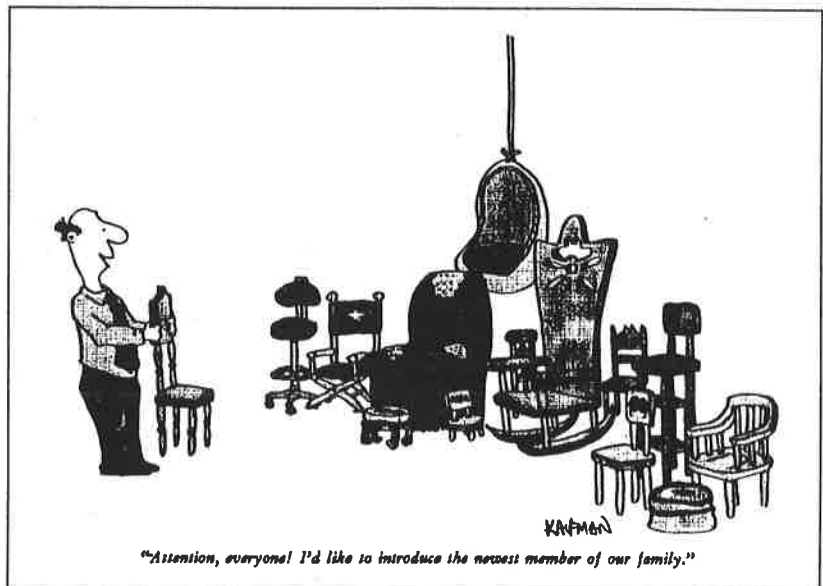
WHEN IN DOUBT, DENY ALL TERMS AND DEFINITIONS.



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Funny signs around the country

In a Nairobi restaurant

"Customers who find our waitresses rude ought to see the manager."

In a Westlands jewelry store

"Ears pierced while you wait."

In the window of an Indian store along River Road

"Why go elsewhere to be cheated, when you can come here?"

On the grounds of a private school

"No trespassing without permission."

On an Athi River highway

"Take notice: when this sign is under water, this road is impassable."

On a poster at Kencom

"Are you an adult that cannot read? If so, we can help."

In a City restaurant

"Open seven days a week and weekends."

One of the Mathare buildings

"Mental Health Prevention Center"

A sign seen on an automatic restroom hand dryer

"Do not activate with wet hands."

In a Pumwani maternity ward

"No children allowed."

In an cemetery

"Persons are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own graves."

In a Thika hotel.

Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such a thing please dont read this notice.

In a hotel in Mombasa

Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 am daily.

A sign posted in a tourist camping park

It is strictly forbidden on our camping sites that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

In a Hindu temple.

It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner if dressed as a man.

In a New Nairobi Club

Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts.

In the same club

Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.