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

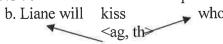
kitten: +feline, +animal, -adult

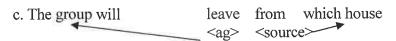
ii: the first feature would be replaced by +human

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





d. Marvin might forget what on the bus <ag, th> <alor > loc > 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?"

Presupposition (or implication) etc:

[&]quot;How is bread made?"

[&]quot;I know that!" Alice cried eagerly.

[&]quot;You take some flour -"

[&]quot;Where do you pick the flower?" the White Queen asked. "In a garden, or in the hedges?"

[&]quot;Well, it isn't picked at all," Alice explained; "it's ground-"

[&]quot;How many acres of ground?" said the White Queen.

[&]quot;Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.

[&]quot;I've had nothing yet," Alice relied in an offended tone, "so I can't take more."

[&]quot;You mean you can't take less," said the Hatter: "It's very easy to take more than nothing."



I'M HAVING TROUBLE IN SCHOOL AGAIN, CHUCK ... DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?



DO YOUR HOMEWORK...DON'T SLEEP IN CLASS...AND NEVER TRY TO GIVE A REPORT ON A BOOK YOU HAVEN'T READ..





CALVIN AND HOBBES

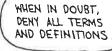
Test:

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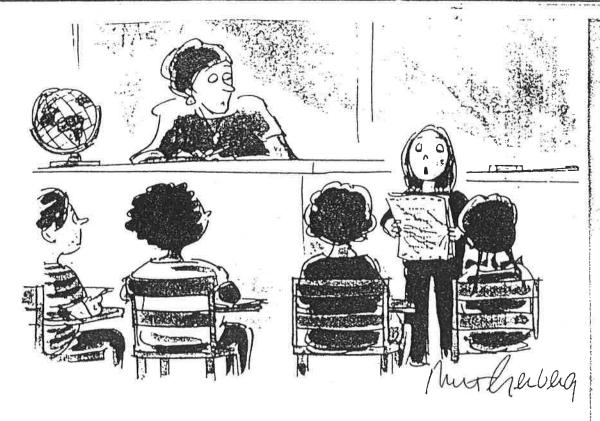


I do Not BELIEVE IN LINEAR
time. There Is no Past and
future: all is one, and
existence in the temporal sense
is illusory. This Question,
therefore, is Meaningless and
impossible to answer.





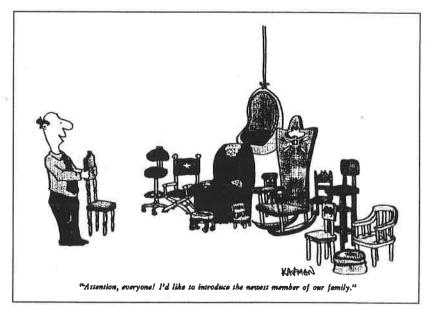




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These are actual headlines, as reported in the NY Times (my apologies to >those of you who may have read them in the Times, but they are too good >to miss):

- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

- Drunk gets Nine Months in Violin Case

- Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents

- Farmer Bill Dies in House

- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms

- Stud Tires Out

- Panda Mating Fails, Veterinarian Takes Over

- British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands

- Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms

Eye Drops off Shelf

- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids

- Reagan Wins on Budget, But More Lies Ahead

- Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim

- Shot Off Woman's Leg Helps Nicklaus to 66

- Enraged Cow Injures Farmer With Ax

- Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told

- Miners Refuse to Work After Death

- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

Stolen Painting Found by Tree

- Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies

- Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter

- Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years

- War Dims Hope for Peace

- If Strike isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

- Deer Kill 17,000

- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

- Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charges

- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

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.