Tutorial – session 11

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Agenda

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Recap: lexical semantics

- What is a lexeme?
- Explain the following sense relations:
- 1. Synonymy
- 2. Antonymy
- 3. Polysemy
- 4. Homonymy
- 5. Hyperonymy
- 6. Meronymy



Warm-up discussion

 Which kind of misunderstandings have you experienced before? RESTAURANT MISUNDERSTANDING /p/ /b/

- A: What's in the soup? It tastes like crap.
- B: Pardon?
- A: The soup tastes like crap.
- B: Don't you like it?
- A: Yes, it's nice. Is it fish or crap?
- B: Oh, crab! You mean crab!
- A: Crab?
- B: Yes, it's crab soup. Made with fresh crab.
- A: Great. I love fresh crap!



Pragmatics: meaning in context

What is Prof. Jones locutionary act? What is his illocution? What is the effect on Cecilia?

New Mail from: Prof. Jones

Re: URGENT!

Cecilia, please come to my office IMMEDIATELY.

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A speech act has:1. Locution (form)2. Illocution (intention)3. Perlocution (effect)

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• <u>Sentence types (recap from Syntax):</u>

- 1. Declarative: They are going swimming.
- 2. Imperative: Go away!
- 3. Interrogative: Are you alright?
- 4. Exclamatory: How nice!

• Speech acts:

- 1. assertives (statements about the world)
- 2. directives (requests or demands)
- commissives (promises or threats connected to future actions)
- 4. declarations (words that accompany a performative act)
- 5. expressives (expressing feelings)

Paul Grice's cooperative principle

<u>The maximes of conversation:</u>

1. Quantity: make your contribution to the conversation as informative as needed and not more

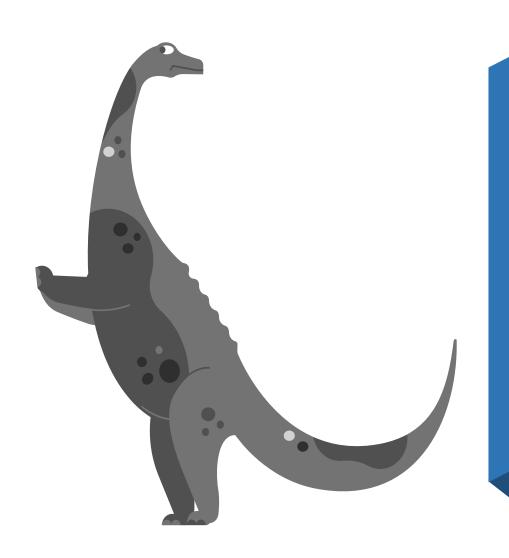
2. Quality: don't say anything that you know to be false or that you lack evidence for

- 3. Manner: be clear, brief and orderly
- 4. Relevance: make you contribution relevant to the conversation

Exercises

- Analyse the following sentences according to their sentence type (declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory) and their direct speech act (assertives, directives, commissives, declarations, expressives):
- 1. Cairo is the capital of Egypt.
- 2. I hereby name this ocean liner 'Titanic'.
- 3. Pass the jam, please.
- 4. I promise you that I will be there.
- 5. What a miserable day!
- 6. I am sick of staying at home.
- 7. Do you want to bake a cake?
- 8. Back off!

- Which conversational maxims (Quantity, Quality, Relevance, Manner) are violated by B in the following pairs of utterances?
- 1. A: Are we late for class?
 - B: The teacher is not online yet.
- 2. A: Did you bring the salad and the bread?B: I brought the bread.
- 3. A: Hi, how are you going?
 - B: That's none of your fucking business!
- 4 A: I have heard that bats are the source of the virus.
 - B: Actually, we are all chipped by Bill Gates and live in a dictatorship.



Any Questions?