### Semantics

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# SEMANTICS [sɪ'mæntiks]; [sə'mantiks]

IS THE BRANCH OF LINGUISTICS AND LOGIC CONCERNED
WITH MEANING.

### BRANCHES OF SEMANTICS

• FORMAL SEMANTICS;

• LEXICAL SEMANTICS;

CONCEPTUAL SEMANTICS.

FORMAL SEMANTICS

STUDIES THE LOGICAL ASPECTS OF MEANING, SUCH AS SENSE, REFERENCE, IMPLICATION, AND LOGICAL FORM.

- LEXICAL SEMANTICS
   STUDIES WORD MEANINGS AND WORD RELATIONS.
- CONCEPTUAL SEMANTICS
   STUDIES THE COGNITIVE STRUCTURE OF MEANING.

### SEMEME ['sɛmiːm, 'siːm-]

IS THE UNIT OF MEANING CARRIED BY A MORPHEME ORIGIN:

EARLY 20TH CENT.: FROM SEME + -EME

COMPARE WITH SEMANTEME

### SEMANTEME [sɪ'mæntiːm]

IS A MINIMAL DISTINCTIVE UNIT OF MEANING

COMPARE WITH SEMEME

## PRESUPPOSITION [,pri:snpə'zɪʃ(ə)n]

IS SOMETHING THAT YOU ASSUME TO BE TRUE, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING WHICH YOU MUST ASSUME IS TRUE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH WHAT YOU ARE SAYING OR THINKING.

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PRAGMATICS IS THE STUDY OF LANGUAGE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF USERS, ESPECIALLY THE CHOICES THEY MAKE, THE CONSTRAINTS THEY ENCOUNTER IN USING LANGUAGE IN SOCIAL INTERACTION AND THE EFFECT THEIR USE OF LANGUAGE HAS ON OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE ACT OF COMMUNICATION.

/ DAVID KRYSTAL (1985)

IS THE BRANCH OF LINGUISTICS DEALING WITH LANGUAGE IN USE AND THE CONTEXTS IN WHICH IT IS USED, INCLUDING SUCH MATTERS AS DEIXIS, TAKING TURNS IN CONVERSATION, TEXT ORGANIZATION, PRESUPPOSITION, AND IMPLICATURE

IS THE BRANCH OF LINGUISTICS THAT DEALS WITH THE **MEANINGS AND EFFECTS**WHICH COME FROM THE USE OF LANGUAGE IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS.

- IS 1) THE STUDY OF THOSE ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE THAT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED IN ISOLATION FROM ITS USE;
- IS 2) THE STUDY OF THE RELATION BETWEEN SYMBOLS AND THOSE WHO USE THEM.

#### FOUR KEY ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICATION

According to American semiotician [,sɛmɪə'tɪʃən]
Charles William Morris
(1901 - 1979),
symbols have three types of relations,
meanwhile Roman Jackobson
and Georg Klaus add another one.

#### FOUR KEY ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICATION

to objects	Semantics [sɪ'mæntɪks]; [sə'mantiks]
to persons	pragmatics [præg'mætiks]
to other symbols (on the axis of combination)	syntactics [sɪn'tæktɪks]
to other symbols (on the axis of selection)	sigmatics [sɪg'mætɪks]

SPEAKER'S INTENTION BASED DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE
 AND ANALYSIS OF TEXTS
 AND COMMUNICATIVE EVENT.

CONTEXT BASED SPEECH / DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

CONVERSATIONAL ANALYSIS.

ILLOCUTIVE POWER OF SPEAKER'S EXPRESSIONS.

• PERLOCUTIVE EFFECT OF SPEECH.

• SPEECH ACTS THEORY.

• Performatives = Doing by saying

 PERSONAL DEIXIS IN CONVERSATION AND INTERPERSONAL INTERACTION.

 OBLIQUE WAYS OF CONVEYING MEANING IN CONVERSATION AND TEXT CONSTRUCTION.

- IMPLICIT MEANINGS OF THE TEXT:
  - •PRESUPPOSITIONS,
  - •IMPLICATIONS,
  - •INFERENCES.

• A LANGUAGE-GAME (GERMAN: SPRACHSPIEL) - A
PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPT DEVELOPED BY LUDWIG
WITTGENSTEIN, REFERRING TO SIMPLE EXAMPLES OF LANGUAGE
USE AND THE ACTIONS INTO WHICH THE LANGUAGE IS WOVEN.

 THE ROLES, STATUSES AND REPERTORIES OF THE COMMUNICATOR IN CONVERSATION OR DIALOGUE.

### IMPLICATURE ['impli,kətʃə, -,keitʃə]

(MASS NOUN) IS THE ACTION OF IMPLYING A MEANING BEYOND THE LITERAL SENSE OF WHAT IS EXPLICITLY STATED,

FOR EXAMPLE SAYING 'THE FRAME IS NICE'

AND IMPLYING 'I DON'T LIKE THE PICTURE IN IT'.

### ILLOCUTION [ˌɪləˈkjuːʃ(ə)n]

IS AN ACT OF SPEAKING OR WRITING WHICH IN ITSELF EFFECTS OR CONSTITUTES

THE INTENDED ACTION,

E.G. ORDERING, WARNING, OR PROMISING.

# ILLOCUTION [,Ile'kju:[(e)n]

IS AN ACT PERFORMED BY A SPEAKER BY VIRTUE OF UTTERING CERTAIN WORDS,

AS FOR EXAMPLE THE ACTS OF PROMISING OR OF THREATENING

ALSO CALLED: ILLOCUTIONARY ACT.

# PERLOCUTION [,ps:lb'kju:ʃən]

IS AN ACT OF SPEAKING OR WRITING WHICH HAS AN ACTION AS ITS AIM BUT WHICH IN ITSELF DOES NOT EFFECT OR CONSTITUTE THE ACTION, FOR EXAMPLE PERSUADING OR CONVINCING

COMPARE WITH ILLOCUTION

## PERLOCUTION [,P3:lb'kju:[ən]

IS THE EFFECT THAT SOMEONE HAS BY UTTERING CERTAIN WORDS, SUCH AS FRIGHTENING A PERSON

ALSO CALLED: PERLOCUTIONARY ACT

### PERFORMATIVE [pə'fɔːmətɪv]

IS RELATING TO OR DENOTING AN UTTERANCE BY MEANS OF WHICH THE SPEAKER

PERFORMS A PARTICULAR ACT

E.G., 'I BET', 'I APOLOGIZE', 'I PROMISE'.

OFTEN CONTRASTED WITH CONSTATIVE

### CONSTATIVE ['kɒnstətɪv, kən'steɪtɪv]

IS AN ADJECTIVE DENOTING A SPEECH ACT OR SENTENCE THAT IS A STATEMENT DECLARING SOMETHING TO BE THE CASE.

E.G. 'IT'S BEEN RAINING SINCE EARLY MORNING'.

OFTEN CONTRASTED WITH PERFORMATIVE

# A PERFORMATIVE VERB, SENTENCE, OR UTTERANCE

1) A) DENOTING AN UTTERANCE THAT CONSTITUTES SOME ACT, ESP THE ACT DESCRIBED BY THE VERB.

FOR EXAMPLE, 'I CONFESS THAT I WAS THERE' IS ITSELF A CONFESSION, AND SO IS PERFORMATIVE IN THE NARROWER SENSE, WHILE 'I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ...'

(EFFECTING AN INTRODUCTION) IS PERFORMATIVE ONLY IN THE LOOSER SENSE

B) (AS NOUN): 'THAT SENTENCE IS A PERFORMATIVE'.

# A PERFORMATIVE VERB, SENTENCE, OR UTTERANCE

- 2) a) denoting a *verb* that may be used as the main verb in such an utterance
  - B) (AS NOUN) "PROMISE" IS A PERFORMATIVE.