

Presupposition quiz

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1. For the following two sentences, describe what their shared presupposition is. Call that presupposition p . State how the two sentences in (1) are relevant to determining that p is a presupposition.
 - (1) a. John's children are asleep.
b. John's children are not asleep.
2. For sentence (2a), explain what the presupposition p is, and state what Russell would say about the truth value of (2a and b) if p is false. On the other hand, what would Frege and Strawson say about the truth value of (2a and b) if p is false?
 - (2) a. The King of France is bald.
b. The king of France is not bald.
3. What are the presuppositions associated with the following sentences? Discuss presuppositions associated with bicycles and Mercedes', but also discuss presuppositions associated with gender. You do not have to give evidence for your presupposition claims.
 - (3) a. Kim _{i} rode his _{i} bicycle.
b. [Every doctor] _{i} drove his _{i} Mercedes.
4. Can questions carry presuppositions? If so, give an example.
5. Discuss how the presuppositions of the following sentences are related. Note: be brief. You do not have to spell all of the presuppositions out to answer this question.

- (4)
 - a. Susan put her husband through law school.
 - b. Susan did not put her husband through law school.
 - c. Did Susan put her husband through law school?
 - d. It was Susan who put her husband through law school.

- 6. What are the presuppositions of the following sentences? Provide evidence that you're right.
 - (5)
 - a. The team returned to Boston in the 20s.
 - b. That faint smell is what told Holmes Smithers had been murdered.
 - c. Sam did not recall that he had seen the woman before.
 - d. Julian did not realize that his wallet was protruding from his back pocket.

- 7. Karttunen thinks the verbs *promise* and *think* are plugs. What is a plug? Illustrate using (6a). What is the problem represented by (6b)?
 - (6)
 - a. John has promised Bill to introduce him to the present king of France.
 - b. John thinks the burberry emblem is attractive.