
24.903
Language & Structure III: Semantics and Pragmatics
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Assignment 8, due in class on April 23

1. Parts (a) and (b) of the exercise on Pg. 138-139 of Heim & Kratzer.
2. The exercise on Pgs. 150-151 of Heim & Kratzer.
3. The exercise on *there*-insertion on Pgs. 152-153 of Heim & Kratzer.
4. The exercise on Negative Polarity on page 153 of Heim & Kratzer.
5. Read the Ladusaw paper that I handed out in class and consider the following sentences in the given scenarios.
 - (1) Scenario 1: There are 5 cups on the table, all of them are blue, and all of them are dirty.
 - a. Every cup on this table is dirty.
 - b. Every yellow cup on this table is dirty.
 - (2) Scenario 2: There are 20 cups on the table. 2 of them are filled with coffee. The rest are empty.
 - a. Few cups on this table are full.
 - b. Few cups on this table are full of tea.
 - (3) Scenario 3: There are 100 cups on the table. 90 of them are empty, 9 are filled with coffee and 1 is filled with tea.
 - a. Few cups on this table are filled with coffee.
 - b. Few full cups on this table are filled with coffee.

Indicate your judgements (True or False) for each of these sentences.

Now consider the following cases.

- (4) a. Every [student who had **ever** read **anything** about phrenology] [_{VP} attended the lecture].
b. Few [students who had **ever** read **anything** about phrenology] [_{VP} attended **any** of the lectures].
(Negative Polarity Items are boldfaced.)

What predictions do your judgements for (1-3) together with Ladusaw's theory make concerning (4).

Given that the examples in (4) are acceptable, suggest an extension of Ladusaw's account that makes the right predictions concerning (4).