

Unit Advice “Ambiguity”

Words, phrases, sentences, or utterances can have several distinct meanings. This phenomenon is referred to as ambiguity. The discussion of the types of ambiguity and their linguistic triggers constitutes the goal of this unit.

In the content section, we will first define ambiguity and will then discuss and exemplify its different manifestations, ranging from lexical to pragmatic ambiguity. Don't forget to tick off the activities of this unit, once you've mastered the content.

And if you need help on how to proceed, use the “how to proceed section” with its questions and hyperlinks for guidance.

The mastery test is an identification task where you have to examine randomly chosen ambiguity types, should be easy to pass after going through this unit's activities.

And the suggestions for the in-class activities --- as usual --- provides you with data: words, sentences and utterances – all to illustrate the various types of ambiguity.

So after this unit you should know everything about ambiguity you need.

Suggested workload: 90 to 120 minutes.

