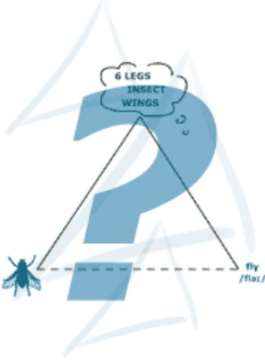
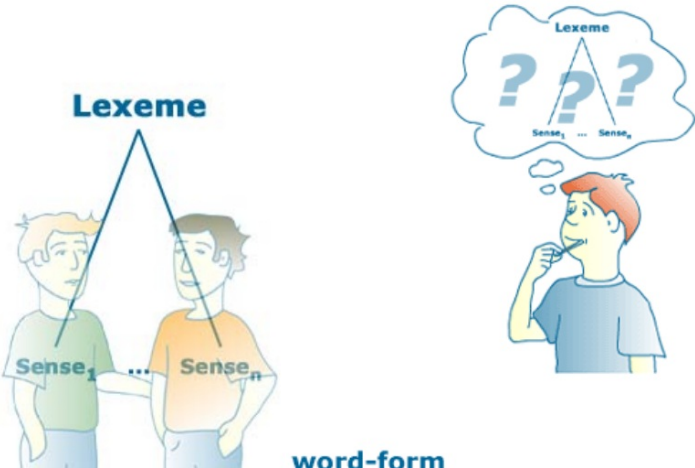
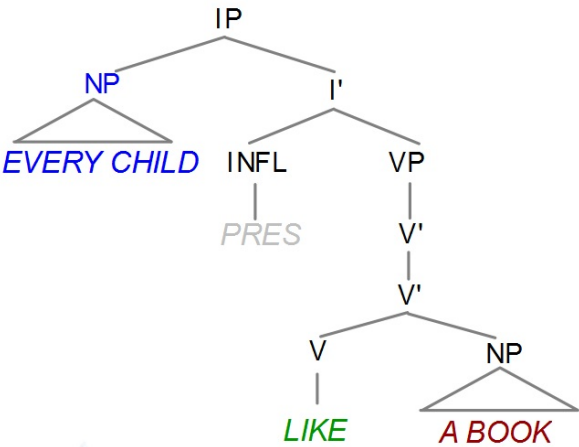


Ambiguity



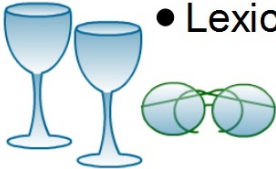
Types of Ambiguity

- Pragmatic

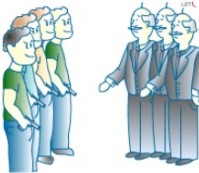


- Structural

- Lexical



- Scope



- Referential



Lexical Ambiguity

- Homonymy



swallow



Give me a ring.

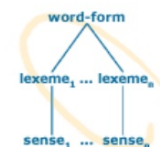
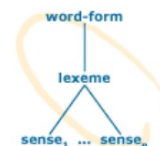
- Polysemy










neck

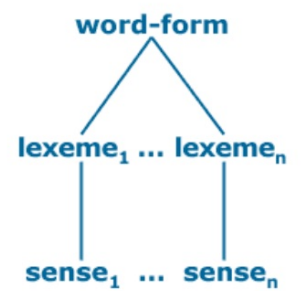


face



Homonymy

Type	Example
Homophones	 male mail 
Homographs	 tear /tɪə/ tear /teə/  
complete	 bank 



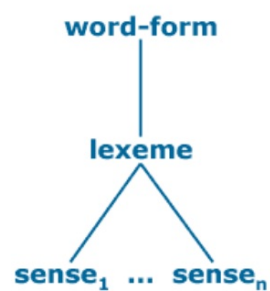
swallow

OE: *swelgan* OE: *swaleve*

Polysemy



FACE



bank account

Metonymy

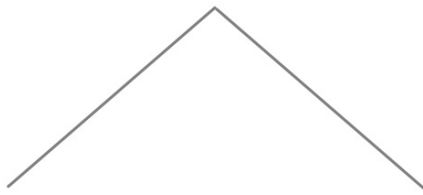


position

Metaphors

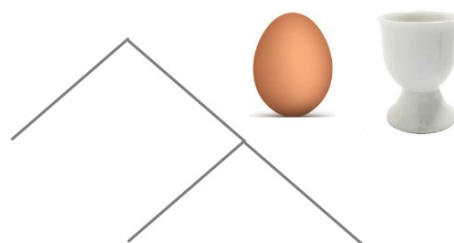


Structural Ambiguity



Structural Ambiguity

porcelain egg container

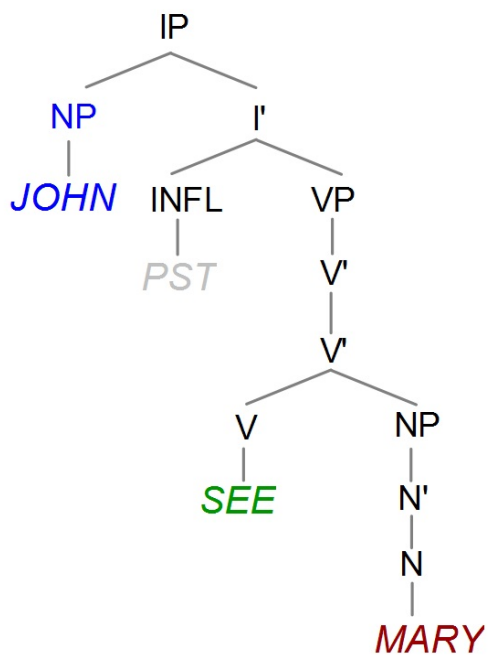


Structural Ambiguity

old men and women



Structural Ambiguity



Structural Ambiguity

The chickens are ready to eat.



The chickens are ready [the chickens eat sth.]



The chickens are ready [PRO eat the chickens]

The shooting of the hunters upset me.



[the hunters shoot PRO [upset me]]



[PRO shoot the hunters [upset me]]

Referential Ambiguity



John



his girl-friend



Bill

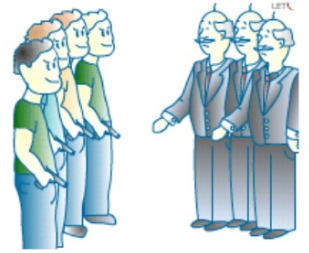
John kissed his girl-friend.

... and so did Bill.

Scope Ambiguity



One student has a car.

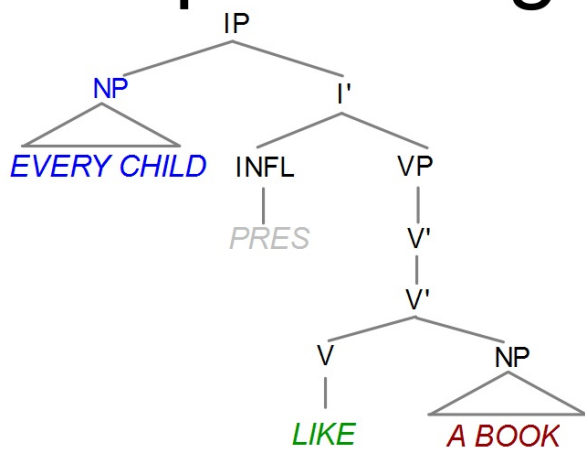


4 students shot 3 professors.



2 students have 2 cars.

Scope Ambiguity



Child(x)

John
Linda
Paul
Susan
...

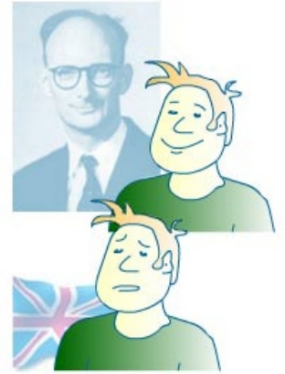
Book(y)

<i>Peter Pan</i>
<i>Cinderella</i>
<i>Treasure Island</i>
<i>The Jungle Book</i>
...

- *Every child likes the same book.*
- *Every child likes some book.*

Pragmatic Ambiguity

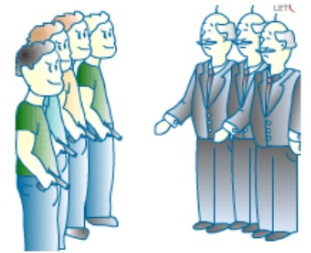
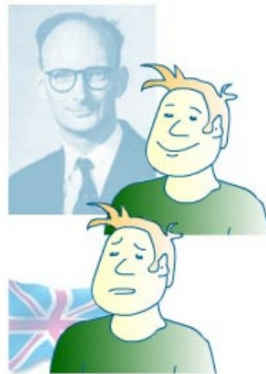
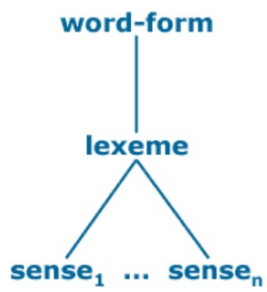
- *Do you have a life insurance?*



- *I've got plans for you!*



Summary



4 students shot 3 professors.

