



An Animated and Narrated Glossary of Terms used in Linguistics presents

Truth condition



Note: If an entailment of *p* is false, then *p* is false.

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Consider the proposition expressed by the sentence *The child pinched an elephant*.

- False if nothing was done to any elephant.
- False if the act upon any particular elephant by the child was not pinching.

Some truth conditions:

1. Something was done to an elephant.

2. The elephant was pinched.











Sentences & Propositions

A sentence may contain numerous propositions, while itself being a proposition.

The child tickled the elephant and the elephant ran away.

Proposition 1: The child tickled the elephant. Proposition 2: The elephant ran away. Proposition 3: Conjunction of Proposition 1 & Proposition 2.

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The End

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