

Speech acts

6 SPEECH ACTS

LANGUAGE IS YOUR ACCESS TO LEADERSHIP

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ASSERTIONS

Describing a fact or what is so. Either true or false. Reveals something about the past or present. Descriptive use of language.

2

ASSESSMENTS

An opinion or an interpretation. Reveals the lens through which you see. Determines how we act in the future.

3

DECLARATIONS

Taking a stand for something. Putting your foot down. Creates something new in the world going forward. Designs our future.

4

REQUESTS

We coordinate each action with a request. Asking someone specific to do something specific in a specific amount of time.

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OFFERS

Offering to do something for another. Help us create new action and move forward, similar to requests.

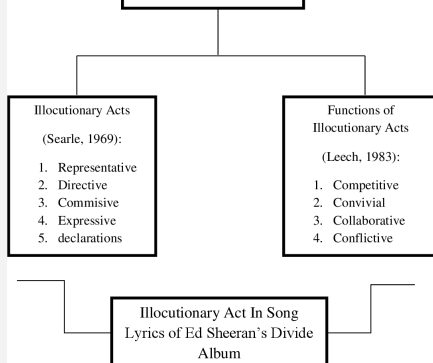
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PROMISES

Promises move the world forward. All action becomes possible because of a committed promise or agreement.

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Synthesis matrix

A chart that allows a researcher to sort and categorize the different arguments presented on an issue. Across the top of the chart are the spaces to record sources, and along the side of the chart are the spaces to record the main points of argument on the topic at hand.

Postmodification

Definition

The fact of coming after the most important word in a noun group (the head) and adding information about it.

Example

In the noun group 'the rules of the game', the prepositional phrase 'of the game' is an example of postmodification.

Nominalisation

Use of a word which is not a noun as a noun, or as the head of a noun phrase. This change in functional category can occur through morphological transformation, but it does not always.

Pragmatic ability

Definition

Knowledge of how to use language to achieve goals in language interaction, or rather, competence at handling language interaction in a sociocultural context

Language acquisition

Definition

Language acquisition is the process by which humans acquire the capacity to perceive and comprehend language (in other words, gain the ability to be aware of language and to understand it), as well as to produce and use words and sentences to communicate.

Illocutionary

Relating to or being the communicative effect (such as commanding or requesting) of an utterance

An inanimate subject

An inanimate subject is also called an impersonal subject. Inanimate means what is without life. An English sentence with an inanimate subject appears in written English, in which an inanimate object acts as the subject

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