

Assignment No. 1

Due: Tuesday 3 February 2015

For each question below, answer what it means for something to “mean” something. You do not need to consult any outside references. There is no *one* right answer. There is no word limit/requirement for this exercise. Your explanations may be in English, French, Spanish, German, Arabic, or any other language you are comfortable writing in. The grammar, spelling, and prescriptive conventions are not evaluated for the assignment. You do not need to edit, revise a number of times, or attend in any special way to form or language. You should just write in a way that is clear to you.

1 Meaning of different types of words

1.1 Noun

When we say a noun (e.g. cat, Paris, Christen) “means” something, what exactly does that mean?

1.2 Verb

When we say a verb (e.g. hit, sleep, give) “means” something, what exactly does that mean?

1.3 Adjective

When we say an adjective (e.g. happy, yellow, written) “means” something, what exactly does that mean?

2 Meaning of specific words

2.1 Dog

What does the word “dog” mean exactly?

2.2 Run

What does the word “run” mean exactly?