

PRESUPPOSITIONS AND THE PROJECTION PROBLEM

For each of the following examples, identify the presupposition trigger and corresponding presupposition, decide whether the complex sentence (speaker) has a presupposition, and provide your reasoning in support of your answer.

1. **Either Playa Bowls hasn't opened in this location, or Playa Bowls has closed for good.**

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition (if there is one):

This complex sentence DOES / DOES NOT have a presupposition.

Demonstrate your reasoning:

2. **Either this soup has meat in it, or something in my vegetarian lentil soup has a meaty flavor. (note: Assume the same bowl of soup is being referred to.)**

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition (if there is one):

This complex sentence DOES / DOES NOT have a presupposition.

Demonstrate your reasoning:

3. Nathaniel has a Pokémon card collection, and all of Nathaniel's Pokémon cards are awesome.

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition (if there is one):

This complex sentence DOES / DOES NOT have a presupposition.

Demonstrate your reasoning:

4. If Amelia's brother lives in Rome, then we have a place to stay in Italy.

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition (if there is one):

This complex sentence DOES / DOES NOT have a presupposition.

Demonstrate your reasoning:

PRESUPPOSITION ACCOMMODATION

For each of the following examples, identify the presupposition trigger, the presupposition being triggered, the candidate locations for accommodation, and the most natural location(s) to target for accommodation. If there are two sentences, imagine that the same speaker is delivering both utterances.

5. I'm not sure, but it's quite possible that Dan got married to Javier.

If Dan and his husband went on a honeymoon, then Dan and Javier went to Hawaii.

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition being triggered:

Sentence with accommodation locations noted:

Most natural accommodation location(s) and reasoning:

6. If Patricia commuted to work today, then she knows there was a traffic jam this morning.

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition being triggered:

Sentence with accommodation locations noted:

Most natural accommodation location(s) and reasoning:

7. If I realize that I made an error in the speech yesterday when I watch the video recording of it tomorrow, then I will apologize profusely to everyone.

(Focus on the factive verb as the trigger.)

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition being triggered:

Sentence with accommodation locations noted:

Most natural accommodation location(s) and reasoning:

8. I just woke up, so I don't know what the weather is like outside, but if Janice is wearing a hat and a scarf, then she knows that it's chilly.

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition being triggered:

Sentence with accommodation locations noted:

Most natural accommodation location(s) and reasoning:

9. If Sandra received her new snow pants from REI yesterday, then we will go sledding.

Presupposition trigger: _____

Presupposition being triggered:

Sentence with accommodation locations noted:

Most natural accommodation location(s) and reasoning:

(NOT-)AT-ISSUENESS

For each of the following examples (adapted news articles online), demonstrate by two means that the underlined content is not at issue. This may include direct rejection, answering the QUD, or projection past an operator.

10. The article reported that Luke Perry, who played Dylan McKay on *Beverly Hills 90210*,
is being honored by many of his co-stars from the 90s around the world.

(1)

(2)

11. (Your friend tells you the following.) While Trump was meeting with that madman Kim
Jong-Un, a group of North Korean hackers targeted US infrastructure, trying to infiltrate
nearly 80 businesses around the world!

(1)

(2)
