

Language Comprehensive Examination Reading List

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

This is the reading list for the Language Comprehensive Examination. An overview of the exam can be found here: http://uwo.ca/philosophy/graduate/current_students/exams/mind-and-language-exam.pdf

1 Required readings

1. Austin, J.L. (1961). "Performative Utterances" [M&S, E&S, S]
2. Borg, E. (2007) "Minimalism versus Contextualism in Semantics" [E&S]
3. Carston, R. (1988) "Implicature, Explicature and Truth-Theoretic Semantics" [E&S]
4. Chomsky, N. (1988) "Language and Problems of Knowledge" [M&S]
5. Davidson, D. (1986) "An Nice Derangement of Epitaphs" [M&S]
6. Davidson, D. (1967) "Truth and Meaning" [M&S, S]
7. Davidson, D. (1978) "What Metaphors Mean" [E&S, S]
8. Donnellan, K. (1966) "Reference and Definite Descriptions" [M&S, E&S, S]
9. Dummett, M. (1975) "What Is A Theory of Meaning?" [M&S]
10. Evans, G. (1973) "The Causal Theory of Names" [M&S]
11. Frege, G. (1892) "On Sense and Reference" [M&S, S]
12. Frege, G. (1918) "The Thought: A Logical Inquiry" [M&S]
13. Graff-Fara, D. (2000) "Shifting Sands" [M&S]
14. Grice, H.P. (1975) "Logic and Conversation" [M&S, E&S, S]
15. Grice, H.P. (1957) "Meaning" [M&S, S]
16. Grice, H.P. and P.F. Strawson (1956) "In Defense of A Dogma" [M&S]
17. Kaplan, D. (1977/1989) "Demonstratives" [M&S, E&S]
18. Kripke, S. (1979) "A Puzzle about Belief" [M&S]
19. Kripke, S. (1977) "Speaker's Reference and Semantic Reference" [M&S, E&S]

20. Kripke, S. (1972/1980) *Naming and Necessity*, Lectures 1 and 2. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
21. Lewis, D. (1979) "Scorekeeping in a Language Game" [E&S]
22. Lewis, D. (1975) "Languages and Language" [M&S]
23. Marcus, R. (1975) "Does the Principle of Substitutivity Rest on a Mistake?" In A. Anderson et al (eds.) *The Logical Enterprise*. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 31-38.
24. Millikan, R. (1990) "Truth Rules, Hoverflies, and the Kripke-Wittgenstein Paradox". *Philosophical Review* 99(3): 323-353.
25. Perry, J. (1979) "The Problem of the Essential Indexical" [M&S]
26. Putnam, H. (1973) "Meaning and Reference" [M&S]
27. Quine, W.V.O. (1956) "Quantifiers and Propositional Attitudes" [M&S]
28. Quine, W.V.O. (1951) "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" [M&S, S]
29. Raffman, D. (1994) "Vagueness without Paradox" [M&S]
30. Russell, B., "On Denoting" (1905) or "Descriptions" (1919) [M&S, S]
31. Saul, J. (1997) "Substitution and Simple Sentences" [E&S]
32. Searle, J.R. (1958) "Proper Names" [M&S]
33. Searle, J.R. (1969) "The Structure of Illocutionary Acts" [M&S]
34. Sperber, D. and D. Wilson (1987) "Précis of Relevance" [E&S]
35. Stanley, J. (2000) "Context and Logical Form" [E&S]
36. Stalnaker, R. (1978) "Assertion" [M&S, E&S]
37. Strawson, P.F. (1950) "On Referring" [M&S, E&S, S]
38. Tarski, A. (1944) "The Semantic Conception of Truth and the Foundations of Semantics" [M&S]
39. Wearing, C. (2006) "Metaphor and What Is Said" [E&S]
40. Wittgenstein, L. (1953) *Philosophical Investigations*, Sections 1-315. Oxford: Blackwell.
 - M&S = A.P. Martinich and David Sosa (eds.) (2012). *The Philosophy of Language*. Sixth Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
 - E&S = M. Ezcúrdia and R.J. Stainton (eds.) (2013). *The Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary in Philosophy*. Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press.
 - S = R.J. Stainton (ed.) *Perspectives in the Philosophy of Language*. Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press.

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