

Semantics and Pragmatics

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Lecture 9

Classify the following pairs by choosing the best classification:

1. easy – difficult

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

2. good – bad

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

3. pass – fail

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

4. husband – wife

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

5. parent – offspring

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

6. legal – illegal

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

7. present - absent

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

8. deep – shallow

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

9. above - below

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

10. clean – dirty

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

11. husband – wife

- a. binary antonyms
- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

12. early – late

- a. binary antonyms

- b. converses
- c. gradable antonyms

13. The word (BARK) when used for a dog vs. for a tree is hyponym because:

- a. They are not obviously related to each other in any way.
- b. They are obviously related to each other in any way.
- c. They give the sense of similar meaning.
- d. All false

14. The word (FORK) when used for a road vs. for an instrument for eating is polysemy because:

- a. They are not obviously related to each other in any way.
- b. They are obviously related to each other in any way.
- c. They give the sense of similar meaning.
- d. All false

15. The word (TAIL) when used for a coat vs. for an animal is polysemy because:

- a. They are not obviously related to each other in any way.
- b. They are obviously related to each other in any way.
- c. They give the sense of similar meaning.
- d. All false

16. The word (STEER) when used to guide vs. for a young bull is hyponym because:

- a. They are not obviously related to each other in any way.
- b. They are obviously related to each other in any way.
- c. They give the sense of similar meaning.
- d. All false