

Introduction to Linguistics (CL1.102)

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Entailment and Presupposition

The truth table of entailment (X entails Y) is as follows:

X	Y
T \Rightarrow	T
F \Rightarrow	T
T or F \leftarrow	T

while that of presupposition (X presupposes Y) is:

X	Y
T \Rightarrow	T
F \Rightarrow	T or F
F \leftarrow	F
T or F \leftarrow	T

Conversational Implicature (contd.)

Grice's Maxims (contd.)

Grice's Maxims make it apparent that language is one of the many aspects of human social behaviour that depend substantially on co-operation. Another example of language in the context of co-operative behaviour is Searle's sincerity condition for felicity of speech acts.