

Ambiguity Type	Definition	Example
Lexical	A word or phrase with multiple valid meanings	Melissa walked to the bank.
Syntactic	A sequence of words with multiple valid grammatical interpretations regardless of context	Quickly read and discuss this tutorial.
Semantic	A sentence with more than one interpretation in its provided context	Fred and Ethel are married.
Vagueness	A statement that admits borderline cases or relative interpretation	Fred is tall.
Incompleteness	A grammatically correct sentence that provides too little detail to convey a specific or needed meaning	Combine flour, eggs, and salt to make fresh pasta.
Referential	A grammatically correct sentence with a reference that confuses the reader based on the context	The boy told his father about the damage. He was very upset.

## Ambiguity in Legal Text

- A sentence which has no one single, clear interpretation is called ambiguous.
- Vagueness has been captured using "vague" words – annotated by legal experts and mechanical Turk workers for privacy policies.