

Natural Language Processing

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Intro to NLP

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Natural Language Processing?



noun

 the method of human communication, either spoken or written, consisting of the use of words in a structured and conventional way.

"a study of the way children learn language"

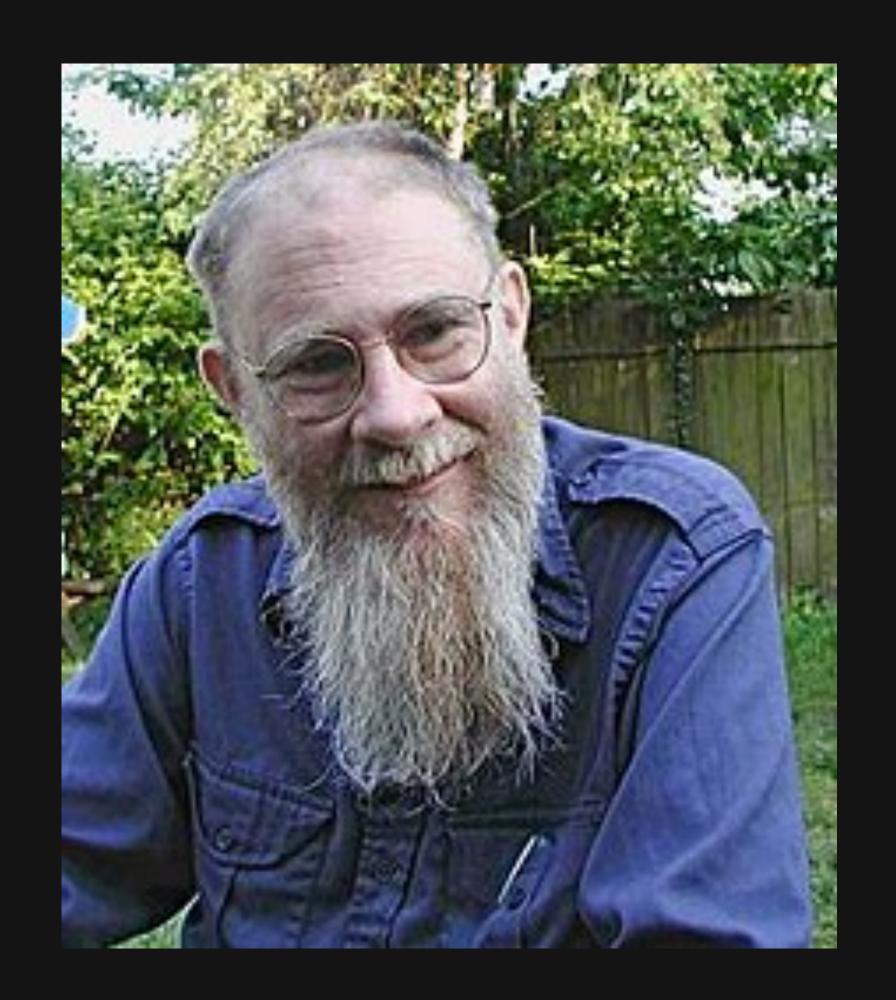
2. a system of communication used by a particular country or community.

"the book was translated into twenty-five languages"

Similar: tongue speech mother tongue native tongue dialect

Defining Meaning

Wooo Philosophy



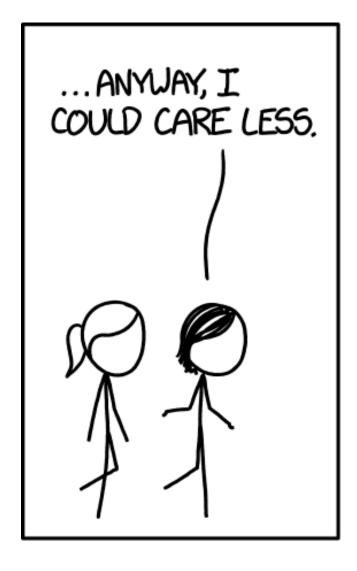
David Lewis

I distinguish two topics: first, the description of possible languages or grammars as abstract semantic systems whereby symbols are associated with aspects of the world; and, second, the description of the psychological and sociological facts whereby a particular one of these abstract semantic systems is the one used by a person or population. Only confusion comes of mixing these two topics. (Lewis 1970: 19)

What is the meaning of a symbol for a person/group?

In what scenarios regarding the person/ group does that symbol have that particular meaning?

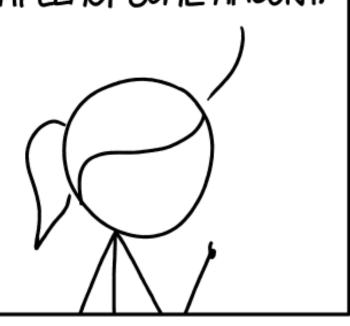
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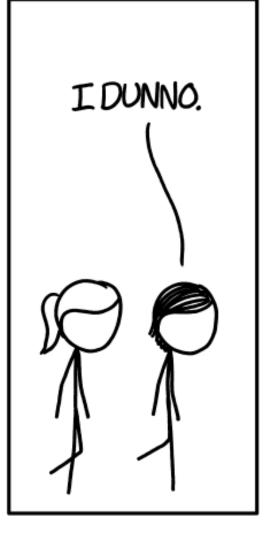


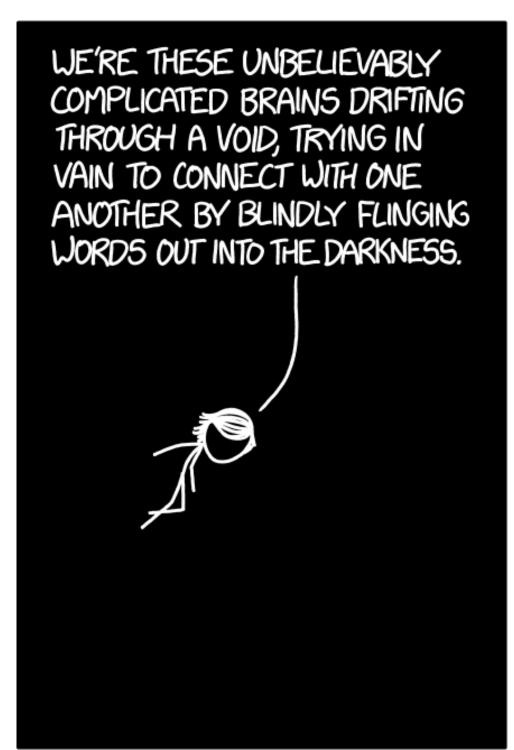
I THINK YOU MEAN YOU

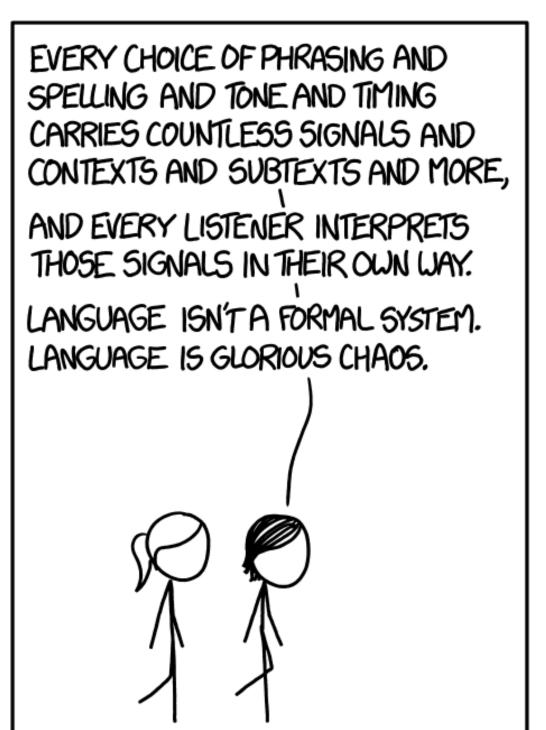
COULDN'T CARE LESS.

SAYING YOU COULD CARE
LESS IMPLIES YOU CARE
AT LEAST SOME AMOUNT.





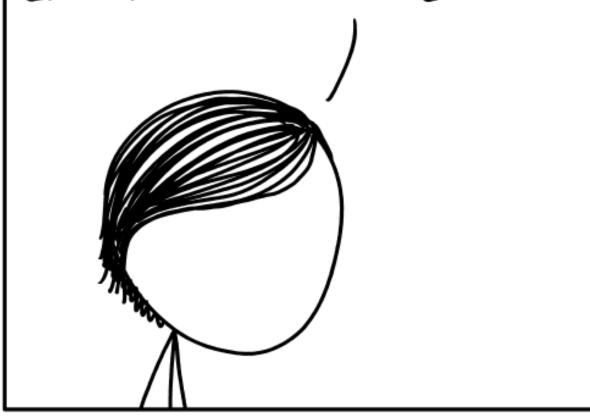




YOU CAN NEVER KNOW FOR SURE WHAT ANY WORDS WILL MEAN TO ANYONE.

ALL YOU CAN DO IS TRY TO GET BETTER AT GUESSING HOW YOUR WORDS AFFECT PEOPLE, SO YOU CAN HAVE A CHANCE OF FINDING THE ONES THAT WILL MAKE THEM FEEL SOMETHING LIKE WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO FEEL.

EVERYTHING ELSE IS POINTLESS.

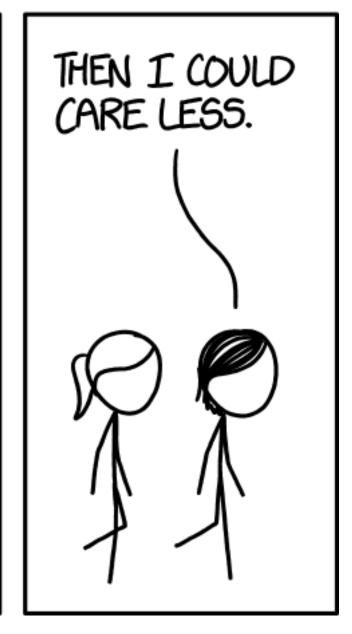


I ASSUME YOU'RE GIVING ME TIPS ON HOW YOU INTERPRET WORDS BECAUSE YOU WANT ME TO FEEL LESS ALONE.

IF SO, THEN THANK YOU.

THAT MEANS A LOT.

BUT IF YOU'RE JUST RUNNING MY SENTENCES PAST SOME MENTAL CHECKLIST SO YOU CAN SHOW OFF HOW WELL YOU KNOW IT,



Syntax. Semantics. Discourse.

Syntax

A grammar does not define the meaning of a string, only their form.

Formal Grammar

At its most simple, a grammar defines what combination of characters is accepted by a language.

Formal Grammar

Identifying the root component of a word.

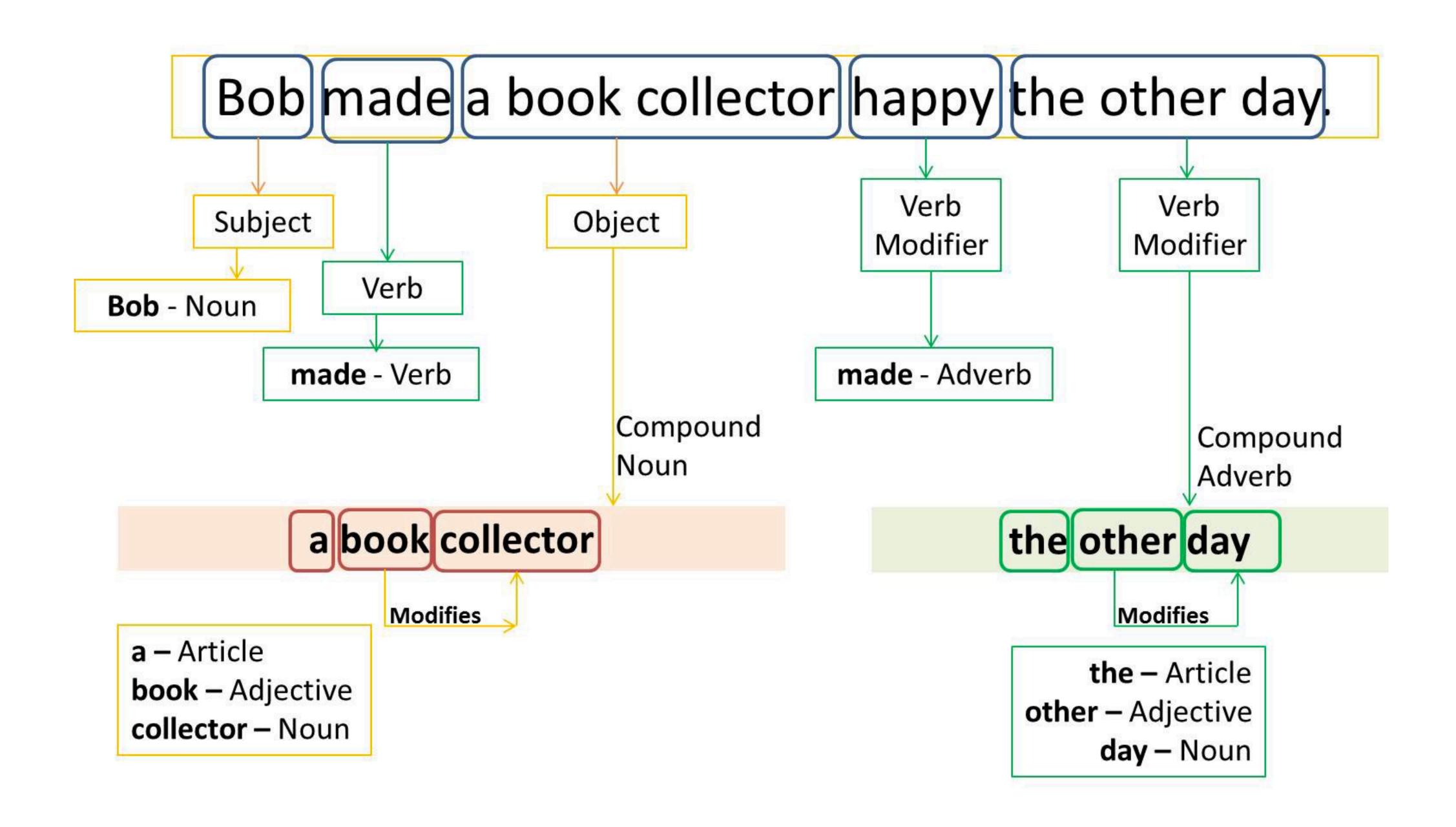
Lemmatization/Stemming

Removal of prefixes, suffixes, modifiers for plural, tense, etc.

Lemmatization/Stemming

Identification of a symbol as a Verb, Noun, Preposition, Adjective, etc.

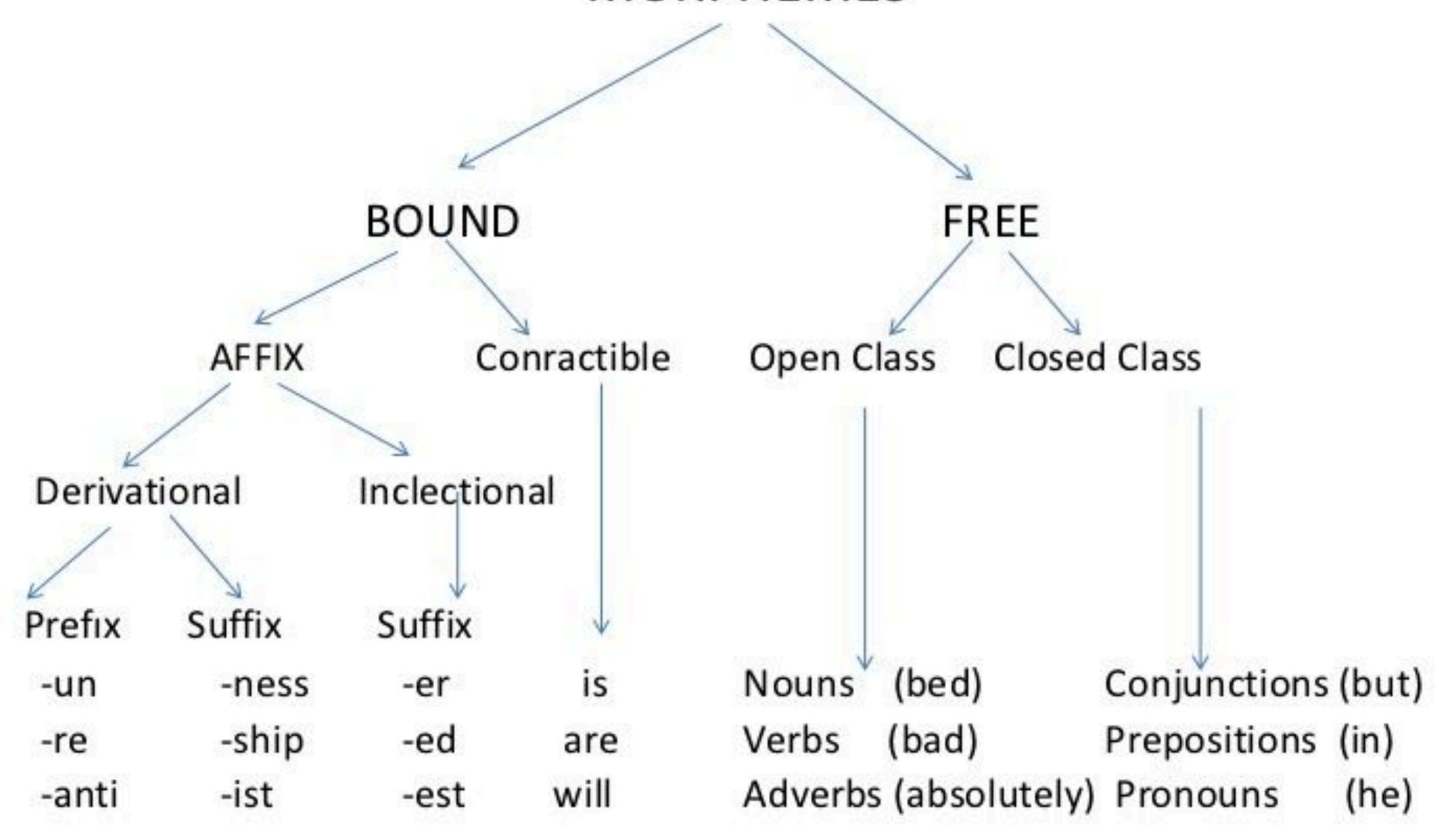
Part of Speech Tagging



Tagging of morphemes in symbols and sentences. A morpheme is the smallest unit of meaning in language and is not necessarily a word.

Morphology

MORPHEMES



Semantics

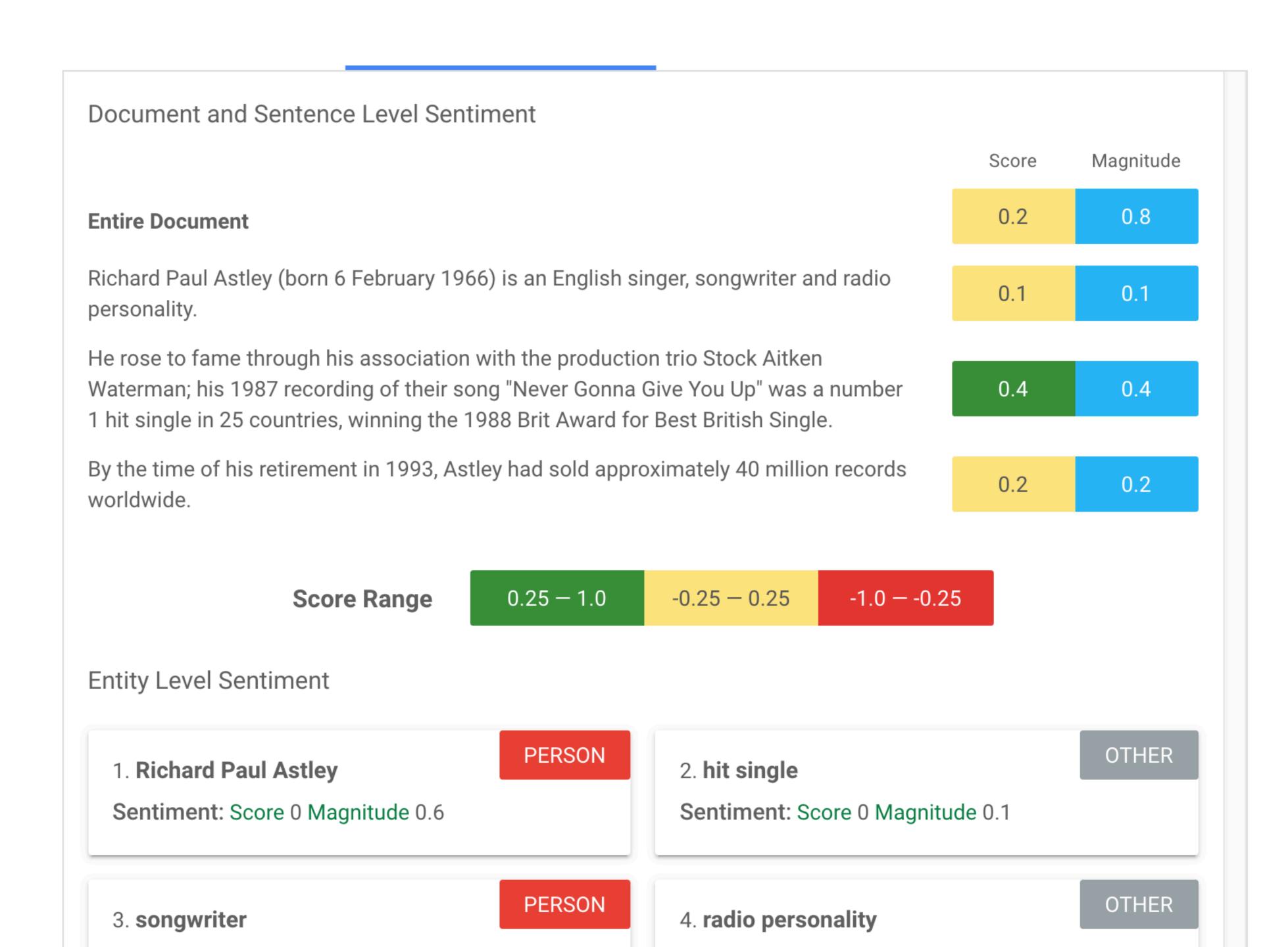
Identification of higher-ordered meaning of symbols in sentences.

Named Entity Recognition

 $\langle Richard Paul Astley \rangle_1$ (born $\langle 6 February 1966 \rangle_{17} \langle 6 \rangle_{27}$ February $\langle 1966 \rangle_{23}$) is an $\langle English \rangle_5 \langle singer \rangle_1$, $\langle songwriter \rangle_3$ and $\langle radio\ personality \rangle_4$. He rose to $\langle fame \rangle_9$ through his $\langle association \rangle_8$ with the $\langle production\ trio \rangle_7$ $\langle Stock Aitken Waterman \rangle_{11}$; his $\langle 1987 \rangle_{18} \langle 1987 \rangle_{28} \langle recording \rangle_{2}$ of their $\langle song \rangle_{6}$ " $\langle Never Gonna Give You Up \rangle_{13}$ " was a number $\langle 1 \rangle_{21}$ (hit single)₂ in $\langle 25 \rangle_{26}$ (countries)₁₅, winning the $\langle 1988 \rangle_{19}$ (1988)₂₄ (Brit Award)₁₆ for $\langle \text{Best British Single} \rangle_{14}$. By the time of his $\langle \text{retirement} \rangle_{10}$ in $\langle 1993 \rangle_{20} \langle 1993 \rangle_{22}$, $\langle \text{Astley} \rangle_{1}$ had sold approximately $\langle 40 \text{ million} \rangle_{25} \langle \text{records} \rangle_{12} \text{ worldwide.}$ OTHER PERSON 2. hit single 1. Richard Paul Astley Wikipedia Article Salience: 0.06 Salience: 0.72 OTHER PERSON 4. radio personality 3. **songwriter** Salience: 0.05 Salience: 0.04 LOCATION WORK OF ART 5. **English** 6. **song** Wikipedia Article Salience: 0.02 Salience: 0.02

Identification of higher-ordered meaning of symbols in sentences.

Sentiment Analysis



Understanding the multiple words a symbol could be associated with following a specific context.

Word Similarity Analysis



an hour ago

Context

name education sports profession politics

Similar Words

james joshua cstand aurora irithel nadal ivan jinkee abueva selena

Entities

name

Discourse?