

Introduction

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Function-argument structure as the center of semantic representation Chierchia
(1984)

Carlson (1977)

Rule-by-rule hypothesis

A maxim of shallow analysis prevails: expose no more logical structure than seems useful for the deduction or other inquiry at hand. In the immortal words of Adolf Meyer, where it doesn't itch don't scratch.
(Quine 1960:160)

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