HG2002: Tutorial 7
Context and Inference

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1. What are the deictic words/phrases in the following sentences? Identify each one as **space/time/person/social** or some combination of them.

    (1) *They tried to hurt me, but he came to the rescue.*

    (2) *The shop is across the street.*

    (3) *She was sitting over there.*

    (4) *It is raining out now, but I hope when you read this it will be sunny.*

    (5) *I was born in London and I have lived there all my life.*

    (6) *Wilt thou not listen to me?*

2. Describe the features used in your own language's pronoun system, with examples. (e.g. for Modern English: person, number, gender)

3. Give two examples each of **metonymy** and **synecdoche**.

4. Explain what is going on here
   (from *The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976))*

   Clouseau: Does your dog bite?

   Hotel Clerk: No.

   Clouseau: [bowing down to pet the dog] Nice doggie.
   [Dog barks and bites Clouseau in the hand]

   Clouseau: I thought you said your dog did not bite!

   Hotel Clerk: That is not my dog.

5. Hedges are used when you know you will flout a maxim. Which maxim is flouted in the following hedges (and why)?:

    (7) *This may be a bit confused, but I remember being in a car.*

    (8) *I may be mistaken, but I thought I saw a wedding ring on her finger.*

    (9) *I won't bore you with all the details, but it was an exciting trip.*

    (10) *I don't know if this is important, but some of the files are missing.*

    (11) *As far as I know, they're married.*

    (12) *This may sound like a dumb question, but whose handwriting is this?*

    (13) *I don't know if this is clear at all, but I think the other car was reversing.*

    (14) *As you probably know, I am afraid of dogs.*

6. In the text you are annotating for project one try to find examples of different kinds of reference:

PRONOUN: Pronominal reference *I saw a dog. It bit me.*
BRIDGE: Bridging reference *I saw a dog. The owner was cute.*
DEFINITE: Reference with an NP *I saw a dog. The animal bit me.*

Email the examples you found to your tutor, in the following format at least 24 hours before the tutorial.

SID: sentence
ROLE: NP: target (just enough to identify it:
                it may come from a previous sentence)

For example:

11934: If he did not take immediate action, surely the string would split in half at the middle, and he would fall.
PRONOUN: he: Kandata
DEFINITE: the string: the thinly shining spider's thread