

Ambiguity¹

Choose five to ten of these, and for each write two new sentences that unambiguously express the different meanings of the original sentence.

- (1) John saw the man on the mountain with a telescope.
- (2) Flying planes can be dangerous.
- (3) I shot an elephant in my pajamas.
- (4) British left waffles on Falklands (*news headline about the war in the Falkland Islands*)
- (5) The missing iPod was found by the hotel.
- (6) Some of Bangkok's poorest people live on water.
- (7) She spoke about the idea of information patterns that can't physically exist in that video.
- (8) Put the ornament on the chair by the door in the living room.
- (9) This is the only documentary ever on the famous composer Anton Bruckner (1824–96) filmed in the 1970s by Hans Conrad Fischer.
- (10) They have shared views on the euro crisis.
- (11) This function will add pages you move to your watchlist.
- (12) Everyone in San Francisco is thinking about someone in Sacramento.
- (13) The dogs barked at the gate.
- (14) Include the dinner guests when preparing the roast lamb.
- (15) The government is ready to share the lessons learned with the people.
- (16) Critical attention has focused on changing patterns of media consumption and engagement.
- (17) The current laws are designed to prevent media companies from gaining dominance in any one capital city by limiting their ownership of television.
- (18) More surprisingly to Halperin, some gay commentators were extremely critical, seeing in his course descriptions a reversal of blatant stereotypes that excluded many homosexual men
- (19) We enable code contributions from community and staff while protecting the quality and security of MediaWiki as it supports our projects.
- (20) The government retreated from its undertaking to maximise free speech by minimising racial-hatred protections.

¹ Mostly from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Tony1/Spot_the_ambiguity