



Performativity

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What does it mean *to perform*?

□ To perform is to do/act

✓ To do in an ordinary sense of doing an action

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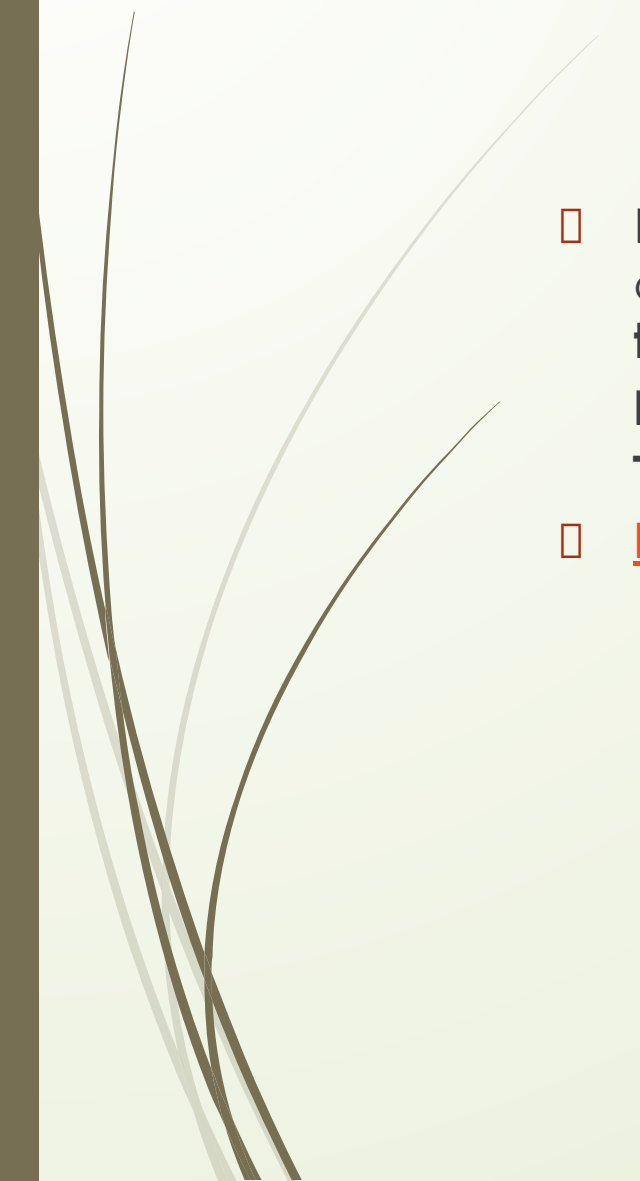
✓ To act in a theatrical/cinematic sense

In both the cases there is a subject which you call as 'I' who does this action. That is the 'I' pre-exists the act

The subject – in the grammatical sense of the word – who performs the action exists before the act and it is that already existing I who does the action.



Perform Vs Performative

- Radical difference between an act that is performed and that which is called a performative is: **unlike in 'perform', in a performative the subject of the action does not pre-exist the act. On the contrary it is constituted via the performative. So in a performative the 'I' – the subject that performs the act – is not the cause but the effect of the act.**
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Language and Performative

✓ Constatives and Performatives

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Gender Performativity

✓ Expressive and Performative

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Judith Butler and Gender Performativity

Gender Performativity is a term propounded by the American philosopher and Gender theorist Judith Butler – Influenced by Phenomenology, Speech-act theory and

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