

WHAT IS FOOD?

DEFINITIONS

Necessary conditions

what is *required* for something to be the case.

Sufficient conditions

what is *enough* for something to be the case.

Definition

the necessary and sufficient conditions for the application of a term or concept. A proper definition should specify all and only the defined objects.

FOOD & NUTRIENTS

Nutrient

a component or element of a food stuff that an organism needs in order to develop and/or survive

FOOD & ENERGY

Calorie

The amount of energy needed to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water 1 degree Celsius

"FOOD" DEFINED?

Food

Any substance or stuff that provides calories and/or nutrients

NATURAL KINDS

Natural Kind

a kind, term, or sortal concept (e.g. cat, dog, mammal) that corresponds to a grouping that reflects the structure of the natural world rather than the interests, actions, or practices of human beings

SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION

Generic social construction

Something is a social construction in the generic sense just in case it is an intended or unintended product of a social practice.

CAUSAL VS. CONSTITUTIVE

Causal construction

Something is causally constructed iff social factors play a causal role in bringing it into existence or, to some substantial extent, in its being the way it is.

Constitutive construction

Something is constitutively constructed iff in defining it we must make reference to social factors.

