

Diagnosing types of meaning

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Examples:

- (1) Chris went to the store but didn't buy anything.
 - a. *Target:* Chris went to the store and Chris did not buy anything
 - b. *Target:* Given that he went to the store, not buying anything was unexpected.
- (2) Unfortunately, I forgot my keys.
 - a. *Target:* I don't have my keys.
 - b. *Target:* I find it problematic to not have my keys.
- (3) I barely had time to eat dinner.
 - a. *Target:* I ate dinner.
 - b. *Target:* I almost didn't eat dinner.
- (4) I've gotten halfway through Game of Thrones.
 - a. *Target:* I've read Game of Thrones.
 - b. *Target:* I haven't finished Game of Thrones.
- (5) Everyone other than Amy turned in the homework.
 - a. *Target:* Everyone who isn't Amy turned in the homework.
 - b. *Target:* Amy didn't turn in the homework.
- (6) I even went to the gym today.
 - a. *Target:* It was unexpected that I would go to the gym today.
 - b. *Target:* I did something other than go to the gym today.
- (7) Harry criticized Jordan for writing the letter.
 - a. *Target:* Jordan was responsible for writing the letter.
 - b. *Target:* Harry thought the letter was bad.
- (8) Harry yelled at Jordan for writing the letter.
See above.
- (9) I don't know that I believe Sam killed Mr. Pickles.
 - a. *Target:* I believe Sam killed Mr. Pickles.
 - b. *Target:* Sam killed Mr. Pickles.