

(a)	[The FBI] arrested [Larry Luckless]
	[AGENT] [THEME]
(b)	[The suspect] received [a caution]
	[GOAL] [THEME]
(c)	[The audience] enjoyed [the play]
	[EXPERIENCER] [THEME]
(d)	[The president] went [to Boston]
	[THEME] [GOAL]
(e)	[They] stayed [in a hotel]
	[THEME] [LOCATIVE]
(f)	[The noise] came [from the house]
	[THEME] [SOURCE]

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Thematic relations Cont.

- He opened the door with the key
- The key opened the door
- The door opened.

The θ -criterion

- All θ -roles must be assigned.
 - Each θ -role must be assigned to one and only one argument.
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Thematic relations Cont.

- In paraphrases, thematic relations remain the same

He ate the sandwich

The sandwich was eaten by him.

Paraphrases have the same truth conditions

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