

Homework 9, due November 15 at the beginning of class.**Part 1: Speech acts**

1. Indicate whether each of these examples is a **performative speech act**. If it is not, explain in one sentence why not. (2 points)
 - a) You congratulate me.
 - b) I envy you.
 - c) I command you to put out that cigarette.
 - d) I warned you not to go.
 - e) Put your toys away!
 - f) We always end up convincing our listeners.

2. Give at least three different **illocutions** that could be associated with each of the following expressions. Describe (in 1-2 sentences) a context for each illocution where the expression would be appropriate. (2 points)
 - a) I'm sorry.
 - b) This gun is loaded.

Part 2: Presupposition and Implicature

3. Do Peccei exercise 4.6 (p. 30) – **(a), (b), and (f) only**. (2 points)

4. For each of the following sentences: (2 points)
 - identify at least one inference that is derived by a presupposition; and
 - identify the linguistic construction (e.g. definite noun phrase) that triggered the presupposition. If you don't know the technical term for a particular construction, describe its syntactic properties as well as you can.
 1. Have you talked to your kids about drugs?
 2. Doesn't it annoy you that Starbuck got married?
 3. Was the book you bought *War and Peace* or *The Catcher in the Rye*?
 4. It was Tanja who had a baby last week.

5. What could the speaker be **implicating** in the B utterance of each of the following examples? Name the relevant Gricean maxim and describe how the implicature is derived. (2 points)
 - a) A: Do you want some pizza?
B: I'm on a diet.

 - b) A: (*speaker is 20 minutes late for a meeting*) How can I go in there now?
B: Walk up to the door, turn the door handle clockwise as far as it will go, pull it gently towards you, and walk through.

Extra credit (up to 2 points): Pick one of the three implicatures from Peccei exercise 4.9 (p. 31) and write two dialogues that could lead to that implicature. Each dialogue should involve the flouting of a different maxim. Identify the maxim and state how/why it is flouted, using the examples provided as a model.