

Meaning & Communication (PH130)

Essay 2: Meaning and Implicature

Essential reading

Grice, H. Paul “Prolegomena”, “Logic and Conversation” and “Retrospective Epilogue”, which are chapters 1,2 and 20 of ‘Logic and Conversation’ in his *Studies in the Way of Words*.

Neale, Stephen “Paul Grice and the Philosophy of Language” (1992), §§1-3, pp. 509-541, Linguistics and Philosophy vol. 15

This might help if you’re stuck

Davis, Wayne "Implicature", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2003 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.) <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/implicature/>

Further reading (optional)

Bach, Kent. “Conversational implicature” Mind and Language, 9, 124–62 (1994)

Saul, Jennifer “Speaker meaning, what is said, and what is implicated” Noûs, 36, 228–48 (2002)

Travis, Charles “Annals of Analysis” (1991) Mind vol. 100, no. 387 (this article is a review of *Studies in the Way of Words*)

Essay question

When a speaker utters a sentence in conversation, what she communicates may not be entirely determined by the meaning of that sentence. What else is involved?