

Language Issues – Definitions

Authoritarian – favoring submission to authority, concentration of power in leader

Authoritative – having authority, entitled to credit or acceptance

Definitions - 2

- Effect vs. affect
- Imply vs. infer
- Its vs it' s
- Deduct vs deduce
- Immature vs premature
- Uninterested vs. disinterested
- Manner vs manor

Definitions - 3

- Ensure vs. reassure
- Novel = work of fiction
- Rates of recall vs. levels of recall, likelihood of recall
- Illicit vs. elicit
- Wreck vs. wreak

Language Issues - Usage

- First (not firstly)
- Last (not lastly)
- Second (not secondly)
* * * * *
- John and I went for a walk.
- not “John and me” or “Me and John”
I is subjective; *me* is objective.
- Mary saw John and me at the movie.
- Not “me and John”
- John and I saw Mary at the movie.
- Not “John and me”

Language Issues - Usage

- “Myself” is reflexive; e.g. I saw myself in the mirror.
- Never say or write, “**Myself** and a friend went to a movie.” “My friend and I went to a movie” is correct.
- Never say or write, “He saw John and **myself** at the movie.”

Language Issues – Usage - 2

- Each other vs. one another
- Lay = intransitive verb, needs no direct object.
I lay down and fell asleep. (Past tense)
- Lay = transitive verb, to put something down.
Lay the book on the desk.
- Lie = to tell untruth,
- Lie down = opposite of stand up

Verbosity

- Majority = refers to count nouns, not to mass nouns
- A majority of eligible voters actually cast ballots in the election.
- Not: “the majority of mental illness” or “the majority of therapy”
- “The majority of” can usually be replaced by “most”
→ Most mental illnesses...
- *Most* can be used with both count and mass nouns.

Pronouns

Subjective	I	he	she	one	
Objective		me	him	her	one
Possessive Pron	my	his	her		
Demonstrative Adj		mine	his	hers	
			one's		
Reflexive		myself	himself		
			herself		
			oneself		

Pronouns- 2

	Singular	Plural
Subjective	thou	you ye, youse you all
Objective	thee	you
Possessive Pron	thy	your
Demonstrative Adj	thine	yours
Reflexive	thyself	yourself

Pronouns- 3

Subjective	we	they
Objective	us	the
Possessive Pronoun	our	their
Demonstrative Adj	ours	theirs
Reflexive	ourselves	themselves Not theirselves

Inanimate Subjects

- Inanimate or abstract nouns cannot engage in actions.
 - The book discusses.... X
 - The authors of the book discussed....
 - The field of psychology studies.... X
 - Psychologists study....
 - The experiment investigates.... X
 - The experimenter investigated....

Wordiness

- A vast majority → most
- Majority means 50% or more of the people involved.
- Least amount of recall → lowest recall
- In addition to → and
- In comparison to → than

Wordiness - 2

- As well as, in addition to → and
- “As well as” starts a phrase or clause.
- E.g. As well as submitting her assignment late, she also forgot to include her reference list.
- Omit terms such as, “it was found...” or “it was suggested....” Say who found or who suggested.

Wordiness - 3

- Harwood et a. (1999) collected the results and analyzed them.
- I think this study is very important.
- These results can be expanded to explain instances in everyday life where we are exposed to some kind of dichotic stimuli.
- Hyde and Jenkins, along with other researchers, have done previous research in the field of memory.

Passive Voice

- It can be suggested that patients exhibiting psychosis have more fast paced decline in cognition than those without.
 - Better: The data suggest that patients exhibiting psychosis
 - Note: *Data* is plural, *datum* is singular.
 - Even better: Patients exhibiting psychosis were found to have

Passive Voice - 2

- Also, it was noticed that considerably more auditory words were recalled on partial-recall trials than on the total-recall trials.
 - Better: The authors found that considerably more auditory words were recalled....
 - Even better: Considerably more auditory words