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Semantics

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Definition

The study of meaning. According to psycholinguistic theory, meaning is stored in semantic memory, which is a network of concepts composed of semantic features, or attributes, providing the meaning of the concept. For example, the semantic features comprising the concept **rocker** are *is a chair, is comfortable, made of wood, used for sitting, used for rocking, and used for babies*. Semantics is concerned with understanding how these concepts are organized and how the words representing these concepts contribute to meaning at the phrase, sentence, and discourse level.

See Also

- ▶ [Anomia](#)
- ▶ [Anomic Aphasia](#)
- ▶ [Aphasia](#)

- ▶ [Declarative Memory](#)
- ▶ [Naming](#)
- ▶ [Semantic Memory](#)
- ▶ [Word Finding](#)

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