

## What do you remember from last time?

About the **specification**? The **books**?

# Specification code: 7172

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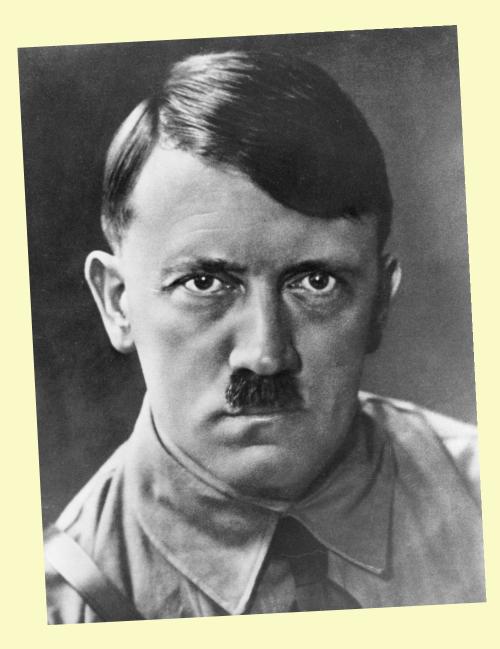
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# Four parts of the epistemology course

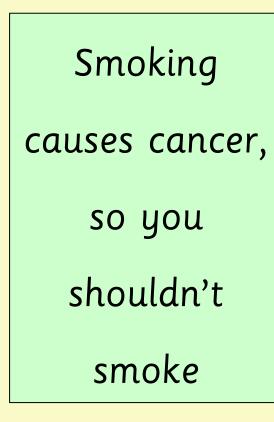
- I = The nature of knowledge: What is knowledge?
- II = Perception as a source of knowledge
- III = Reason as a source of knowledge
- IV = The limits of knowledge



# Philosophical Toolkit pages 9 to 10 of syllabus



# Hitler had a dog, so it's wrong to have a dog







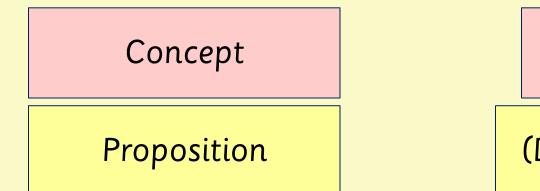
It's important that people are free, so people should be allowed to smoke if they want to

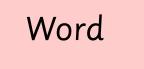


Men tend to be stronger than women, so only men should be allowed in the army



# Some vocab.





#### (Declarative) sentence

### Assertion

Claim

## Concept

### Word

# A concept is...

- •An idea or a meaning
- •e.g. 'one', 'blue', 'God', 'dog', 'happiness'...

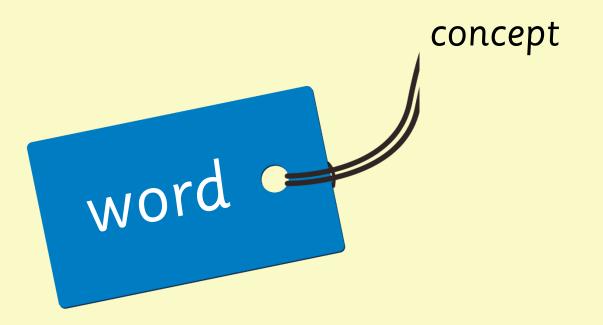
 Add ten more examples of your own. Give a range of concrete concepts (e.g. pencil) and abstract ones (e.g. freedom)

# Getting technical...



- Different words can express the same concept
- one, une, eins, etc.

- It may be true of some English words.
- Can you think of any alternatives to "dog", "nice", and "student"?



#### Propositions

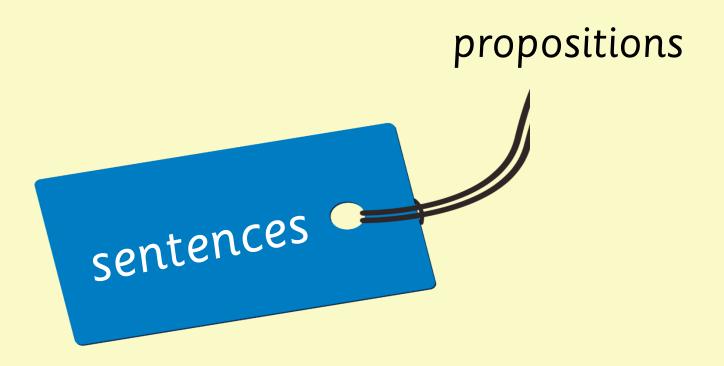
#### Sentences

# A proposition is...

 A sentence in which two or more concepts are somehow linked

- What are the concepts here?
  - "Penguins are birds"





- •A proposition is, as a rule of thumb, any sentence that can be preceded with
- 'It is true that...'
- Or 'I believe that...'

## Generate five propositions of your own

# Getting technical...

• Different sentences can express the same proposition.

### "It's raining cats

# • "It's pouring down out there"

## and dogs"



• Liz is an excellent prime

#### minister

• Liz est une excellente première ministre



• Liz is a smashing leader of our nation

Pick one of your propositions.

Express it in a different sentence

# So...

## • Different words can express the same

•And different \_\_\_\_\_ can express the same \_\_\_\_\_

#### Assertion

## Claim

#### An **assertion** is proposition that is

stated as true

but not supported by a reason

# To assert...

- 'Hollie will make an excellent PM'
- 'We cannot know anything for certain'
- 'It is always wrong to kill'
- 'God is real.'
- So, what is an assertion?

# To claim...

•Another word for an assertion is a 'claim'

•Why might the term 'claim' be slightly less precise than 'assertion'

People assert things all of the

time...

They claim that something is true without giving a

reason or

evidence