

J. L. Austin

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A sentence is made up of words, a statement is made in words....
Statements are made, words or sentences are used.

~J. L. Austin

However well equipped our language, it can never be forearmed against all possible cases that may arise and call for description: fact is richer than diction.

~J. L. Austin

Certainly ordinary language has no claim to be the last word, if there is such a thing.

~J. L. Austin

Infelicity is an ill to which all acts are heir which have the general character of ritual or ceremonial, all conventional acts.

~J. L. Austin

Going back into the history of a word, very often into Latin, we come back pretty commonly to pictures or models of how things happen or are done.

~J. L. Austin

Why should it not be the whole function of a word to denote many things?

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Fact is richer than diction.

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Usually it is uses of words, not words in themselves, that are properly called vague.

~J. L. Austin

Let us distinguish between acting intentionally and acting deliberately or

on purpose, as far as this can be done by attending to what language can teach us.

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In the one defense, briefly, we accept responsibility but deny that it was bad: in the other, we admit that it was bad but don't accept full, or even any, responsibility.

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Sentences are not as such either true or false.

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The theory of truth is a series of truisms.

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Ordinary language embodies the metaphysics of the Stone Age.

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We become obsessed with 'truth' when discussing statements, just as we become obsessed with 'freedom' when discussing conduct...Like freedom, truth is a bare minimum or an illusory ideal.

~J. L. Austin

I feel ruefully sure, also, that one must be at least one sort of fool to rush in over ground so well trodden by the angels.

~J. L. Austin

It should be quite clear, then, that there are no criteria to be laid down in general for distinguishing the real from the not real.

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Faced with the nonsense question 'What is the meaning of a word?' and perhaps dimly recognizing it to be nonsense, we are nevertheless not inclined to give it up.

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