I want to make a research in semantics but... plz help
Posted by Giving Tree - 2009/10/25 14:53

hello all..
I am a student of MA and I'm supposed to do a research in semantics. My only problem is that I can't
decide a topic. I have no background information so I don't know what to write about. I thought that
asking specialised people would make it easier, since you know the interesting areas of the field. Please
help me with this. Suggest topics for me and guide me with your experience. I would really appreciate it.

Thank you

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Re:I want to make a research in semantics but... plz help
Posted by benorbeen - 2009/10/26 00:04

Hi Giving Tree,

I've moved your thread to the General Semantics for Beginners forum as I find it much more appropriate
to have it here.

To start off as a point of clarification, you've arrived at a website and discussion forum for the field known
as general semantics. The field known as general semantics differs from the field known as semantics.
To understand the difference, you might say that the field of semantics studies the meanings of words,
especially over time and/or throughout history. If you ask what general semantics studies, you might say
that it studies people's reactions to words. Some people may also say the field of general semantics
studies people's reactions to events. Others may simply say that general semantics studies human
evaluation.

You might also see general semantics as a kind of therapy designed to help people to think more clearly,
which the study of reactions to words and events supports.

With that insight, I wonder if you can ask yourself on what topic you intend to research--semantics or
general semantics? If you intend to research general semantics, you've found a helpful resource. If you
intend to research semantics, I would recommend trying a different resource as these forums don't
specifically deal with that field.

If you do intend to research general semantics, perhaps you could start by asking questions related to
general semantics for members to answer. By that method, a conversation may develop that may entice
contributions.

Cheers,
Ben
Moderator

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Re:I want to make a research in semantics but... plz help
Posted by Bruce Kodish - 2009/11/12 14:45
I found this a nice clarifying response, Ben. I hope the person inquiring about 'semantics' did too.