

Communicating with Metaphor

- I. How is a metaphor's special content communicated?
 - A. By being conversationally implicated. (Grice)
 1. The Cooperative Principle.

Make your conversational contribution such as is required, at the stage at which it occurs, by the accepted purpose of the talk exchange in which you are engaged.
 2. Conversational maxims.
 3. Flouting conversational maxims.
 4. Maxims flouted by metaphor-users.
 - B. Objections to Grice's view of metaphor.
 1. Disagreement objection. (Hills)
 2. Embedding objection. (Wearing)
 3. Cancellability objection. (Schroeder)

- II. Can the special content of a metaphor always be communicated in a paraphrase?
 - A. Yes. (Searle)
 - B. No.
 1. But such metaphors are not indispensable. (Davidson, Guttenplan)
 2. Such metaphors are indispensable. (Boyd, Camp, Yablo, et al.)

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