

"There is matching in reference that is not in behaviour." This could be true of a language simpler than English. Imagine a society which uses the language described as follows. There is a one-word sentence for each species of animal hunted by the tribe. The children are taught these one-word sentences by the adults of the tribe. An adult of the tribe points to a specimen of the species and pronounces the corresponding word, in the presence of the child. The child comes to pronounce the proper word ~~in~~ in the presence of ~~a~~ a specimen of ~~the~~ species, ^{which} he has been taught the word for. When ~~the~~ a child does so in the presence of an adult of the tribe, the adult responds with the utterance "Evet". If the child pronounces an improper word in the presence of an animal, a adult, ~~also present~~, will say "joh". (The one-word sentences ^{for animals} are used in some way, by the adults in hunting the animals.) A linguist studying this tribe would ~~find~~ the stimulus meanings of the words for animals in terms of disposition to say "Evet" or "joh" in various circumstances (including the querying of the sentence in question). ~~The tribe~~ ~~system~~. This language cannot be mapped onto itself in such a way as to preserve the stimulus meanings of the ~~one~~ one-word sentences for animals, and yet shift reference. "But it could be translated into English in various ways". Of course, English can be mapped onto itself in various ways, ~~to~~ preserving

everything

~~all of the~~ reference which is for behavior.

"But there really isn't any reference in this language at all." Why? - because there isn't any word for referring?

Consider the following addition to the above language. The teacher points to animals, which the child already knows the name for, and says "— refer to that".

The teacher also does this with words for animals which the child does not yet know. If the child does not go on to use the word novelly, then the teacher

uses the original method of teaching. After a while, most of the children of the tribe immediately make the correct association between word and object in most cases, after

being once told "— refer to that" when the teacher points to a specimen of the species. Yet, if the original way of teaching is used, a number of specimens are needed to make the association. The ^{best} children who never

come to make an immediate association upon being told "— refer to that" are treated

as inferior. Again, the ~~original language~~ language cannot be mapped onto itself in any preserving ^{stimulus condition} ~~reference~~, but not preserving reference.

What bearing do these examples have upon the biological relativity? By ~~adding~~ gradually adding more ~~the~~ functions to the above examples, a language could (I hope)

be described in which the language could
be mapped onto itself without changing the
similar meanings of the ~~words~~
observation sentence, yet shifting reference,
as reference is used in that language. If
this were done carefully, and the case simple
enough, then it could be seen that Dummett's
thesis depends upon a similar ~~use~~ use
of 'reference', ~~the use of~~ and other
words in ~~the~~ the language, not
described in the language above. This use
does not correspond to any fact, but is
just the way we use the word. Thus, indeed,
there is no fact of the matter to determine which
of two translations is correct. On the other hand,
this does not mean ~~that~~ anything is wrong ~~with~~
~~without~~ reference within the language we
do use. In this way, ~~we~~ we can ~~still~~ make
sense of acquiescing in the home language.