

SENSE AS SAMPLING PROPENSITY



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Are drinks and beverages the same?

- (1) a. Drinks are consumed in bars.
 - b. Beverages are consumed in fast-food restaurants.
- (2) a. ? Beverages are consumed in bars.
 - b. ? Drinks are consumed in fast-food restaurants.

Are Superman and Clark Kent the same?

- (3) a. Clark Kent went into a phone booth and Superman came out.
 - b. Superman went into a phone booth and Clark Kent came out.
- (4) a. Clark Kent is a mild-mannered journalist.
 - b. ? Superman is a mild-mannered journalist.

Sampling Propensity

- Evaluating sentences means sampling exemplars. Concepts can be co-extensional with different sampling propensities (Icard, 2016).
- Fully compositional system which handles connotation of proper names and common names with a joint mechanism.
- Tight connection between **performance** and **competence** via repeated sampling.
- Implications for genericity and quantifiers like every versus all and applications for slurs, euphimisms or circumlocutions.