

Knowledge and Reality  
**Persistence**

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**Questions:**

- (1) How do objects persist – by enduring or by perduring?
- (2) Is there a real puzzle about how objects can persist over time and yet change? If so, how should it be resolved?