

Philosophy of Logic and Language
Metaphor

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Questions:

- (1) Is there such a thing as ‘metaphorical meaning’?
- (2) Can whatever is said metaphorically also be said literally?
- (3) Is the meaning of a metaphorical sentence a function of the meanings of its parts?
- (4) Do metaphorical statements have non-literal truth-conditions?
- (5) Are metaphors supposed to express truths?