

Philosophy of Logic and Language  
**Truth**

**Primary Readings**

- (!) **R. Walker**, ‘Theories of truth’, in Hale, B. and Wright, C. (eds.), *A companion to the philosophy of language* (Blackwell, 1997).
- (!) **Tarski**, ‘**The Semantic Conception of Truth**’, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 4 (1944), pp. 341-376. (Reprinted in Blackburn and Simons – see below, and in Martinich).
- (!) **Krikham, R.**, *Theories of Truth*, MIT Press (1992), (particularly **ch. 4, 5, and 10**).
- **Horwich**, ‘The minimalist conception of truth’, in Blackburn and Simmons.
- **Wright, C.**, ‘Truth: a traditional debate revised’, in Blackburn and Simmons.
- **Ramsey, F.**, ‘On facts and propositions’, in Blackburn and Simmons.
- **Soames, S.**, *Understanding Truth*, OUP (1999) (particularly ch. 8).

**Useful collections (for further readings):**

- Blackburn, S., and Simmons, K., *Truth*, OUP (1999).

**Background Readings:**

- Glanzberg, M., ‘**Truth**’, in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

**Questions:**

- (1) Is the correspondence theory of truth defensible?
- (2) Is truth a substantial or interesting property?
- (3) Does the sentence ‘It is true that grass is green’ mean exactly the same thing as the sentence ‘Grass is green’?
- (4) Can truth be defined?