



Essentials of Formal Logic with Joelle Hodge

Lesson 26: Chapter 7.4

Outline:

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- The Syllogism Introduced
- Enthymemes
- Points to Remember
 - Enthymemes are abbreviated forms of syllogisms.
 - Enthymemes either omit the conclusion of a syllogism or one of the premises.
- You may use an enthymeme when it is a way to make a gentler argument.
- First-order enthymemes, second-order enthymemes, and third-order enthymemes. A first-order enthymeme is a syllogism that omits the major premise. A second-order enthymeme is a syllogism that omits the minor premise. A third-order enthymeme omits the conclusion.
- You will still be left with all three terms. Use deductive reasoning skills to build the one that is missing.
- You usually omit the major premise, if a premise is omitted.