



Essentials of Formal Logic with Joelle Hodge

Lesson 38: Chapter 9.4

Outline:

Chapter 9, Lesson 9.4

- Definitions and Disagreements
- Types of Definitions
- Points to Remember
 - A **lexical definition** is a definition from the dictionary.
 - Choose well when to use a dictionary definition.
 - Deliver lexical definitions well.
 - Lexical definitions are best when the axiom is required and necessary.
 - A **theoretical definition** is a definition proposed by a certain school of thought.
 - A **precising definition** reduces ambiguity and shows how a word is used in the world.
 - Sentences are vehicles to help you advance an idea. When you put words in a sentence they should be advancing the idea that you have.
 - A **stipulative definition** is a definition that is created on the spot in order to add more clarity.