

**Ling 320, Assignment 1.** Due 13 September 2007, at the beginning of class.

For each of the following pairs of statements, indicate whether (a) presupposes, implicates, entails, or is in no relation to (b). Provide justification for your answers in clear, concise prose, using the relevant test examples.

Example:

- (0) a. Most people left early.  
b. Not everyone left early.

(0a) implicates (0b). It is cancelable, as (c) illustrates:

- c. Most people left early, in fact everyone did.

It can also be reinforced, as (d) illustrates:

- d. Most people left early, but not everyone.

It is also calculable: the implicature is due to the Maxim of Quantity, which requires that a speaker make the most informative statement possible. When a speaker uses a weaker expression from a scale of informativeness, s/he implicates that a stronger expression does not hold. Since *most* is less informative than *every*, using *most* here implicates *not every*.

- (1) a. We managed to stop in time.  
b. We stopped in time.
- (2) a. Ruben has quit smoking.  
b. Ruben used to smoke.
- (3) a. It's raining.  
b. It's raining hard.
- (4) a. It's not raining.  
b. It's not raining hard.
- (5) a. He is sorry that he lied to you.  
b. He lied to you.

- (6) a. That guy is still there.  
b. That guy was there already.
- (7) a. Emily hopes that you will leave early.  
b. You will leave early.
- (8) a. I never drink.  
b. I don't always drink.
- (9) a. I don't always drink.  
b. I sometimes drink.