

Implication in lexical meaning of character traits as a tool for the reconstruction of causal relations in a text


The case of personality traits nominations

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- Implicit semantic links in the text
 - Words denoting character traits (CHT-words)
 - CHT-Groups “Greediness” and “Generosity”
 - Pattern of behaviour

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- “shablon povedenija” (Martemianov, Dorofeyev 1969, Martemianov 1999)
- Pattern of behaviour is a formal representation of lexical meaning in the form of an implication that consists of antecedent and consequent.
- Based on over 100 examples for each word.

My mother-in-law takes opportunities to show her appreciation by paying for meals or offering to reimburse costs. She is a delight, and we see her often. My mother, however, is the opposite always a guest, never offering to reimburse costs or pay a share. She has even invited us and others to events and then stuck us with the bill. My husband does not complain, but I am ashamed of her stinginess. Subconsciously, we do not seek out my mother, and our visits are becoming rare.

Antecedent

- **Contains:**
 - useful characteristics of a person, i.e., his or her possessions;
 - the description of a situation that is relevant for this CHT.

Consequent

- Contains:
 - Typical actions of a person who has this CHT nomination

Example

ANTECEDENT

POSSESS(X, Z) & (NEED(Y, Z) ∨ WANT(Y, Z))

CONSEQUENT

(¬GIVE(X, Y, Z) ∨ GIVE(X, Y, MIN(Z))) → POSSIBLE_BAD(Y)

ANTECEDENT

POSSESS(X, Z) & (NEED(X, F) ∨ WANT(X, F)) & NEED(X, SPEND(X, Z, F))

CONSEQUENT

¬SPEND(X, Z, F) & ¬GAIN(X, F) ∨ SPEND(X, MIN(Z), F) → POSSIBLE_BAD(X)

Implicit relations in the text

We have so many soldiers, reservists and National Guard who are **in dire need**, and for the Army to be **holding this much money in reserve** is despicable, chairman Bob Handy of Veterans United for Truth, of Santa Barbara, Calif., said Monday.

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- Thank you for your attention!