

- **Phonetic sound:** *sheer sounds people produce; sounds heard acoustically (can analyze with sound analysis software).*
- **Phonemic/phonological sound:** *sounds perceived as meaningfully part of a language; a sound-image as part of a particular system of sounds.*

big
pig

Why are these words different to our ears?

Voiced vs. unvoiced consonants

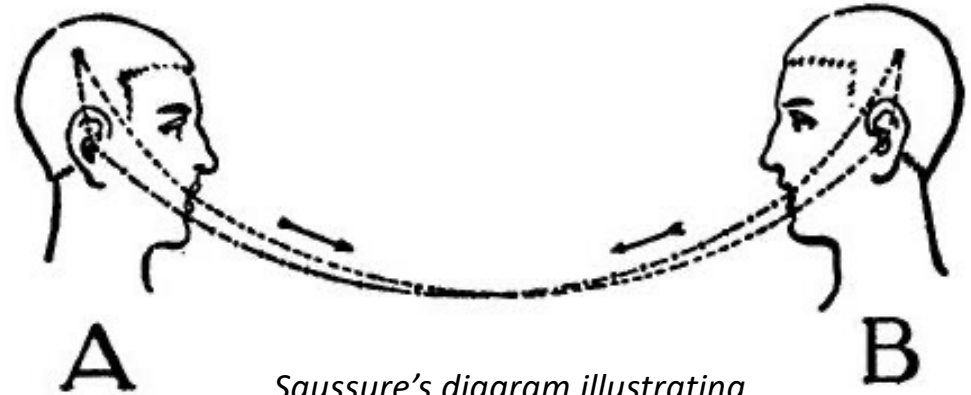
Phonetic vs. Phonemic Sound: Minimal Pairs
Other Examples?

Language (Langue)

vs.



Speech (Parole)



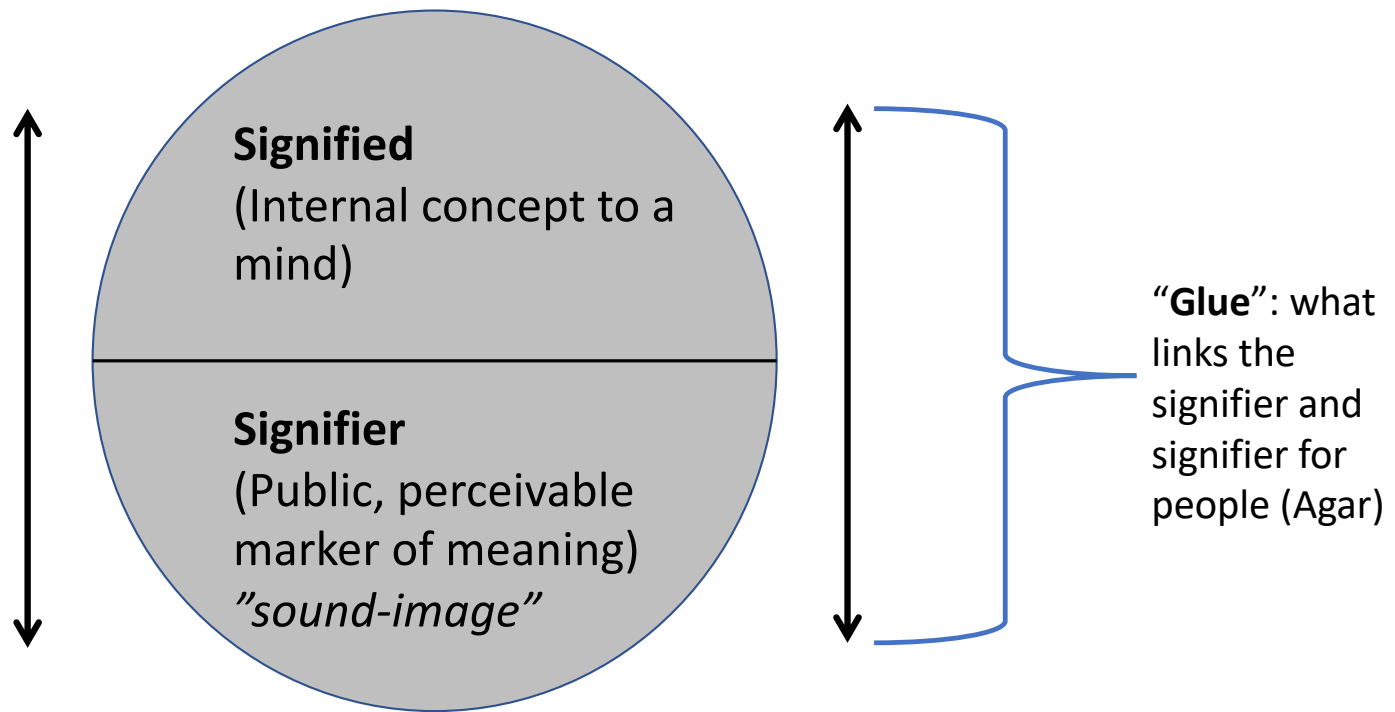
Saussure's diagram illustrating the "speaking circuit", p. 11

**How do we conceptualize this distinction for Saussure?
What metaphors does he use? Draw it? Examples?**

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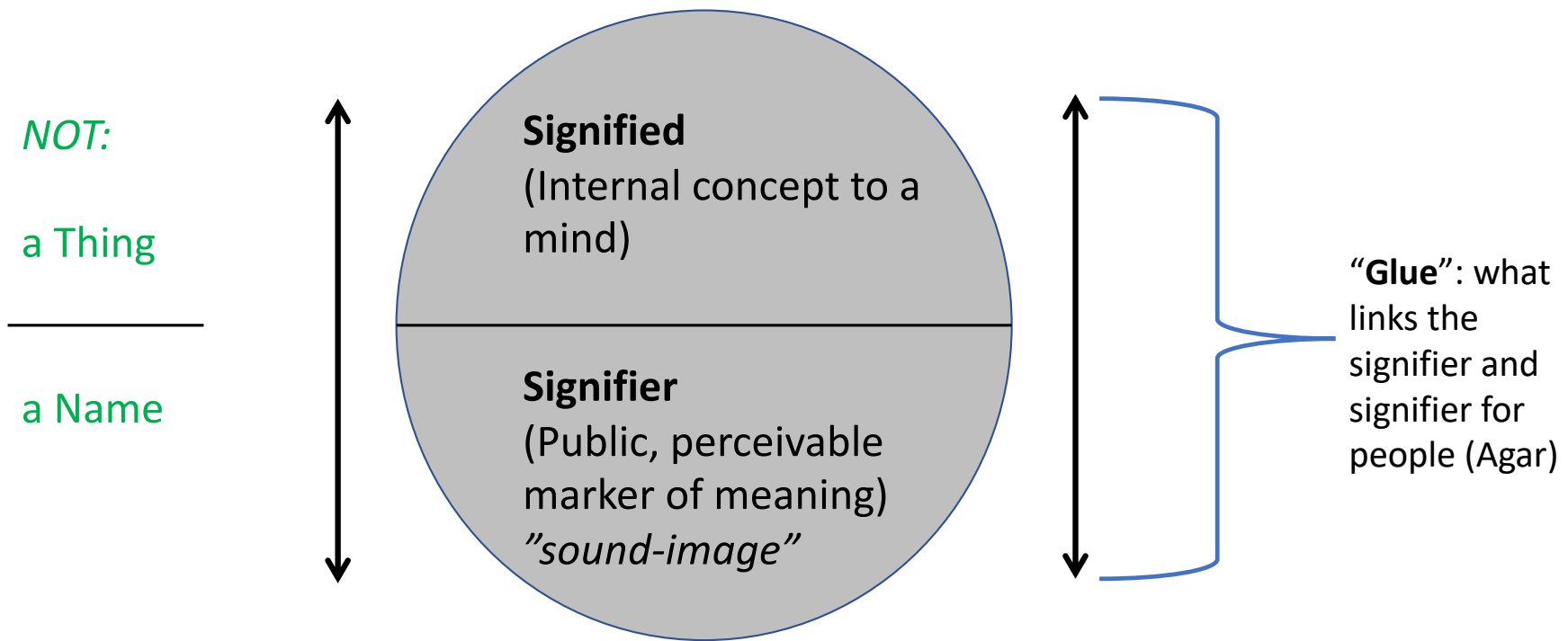
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Saussure's binary sign in language

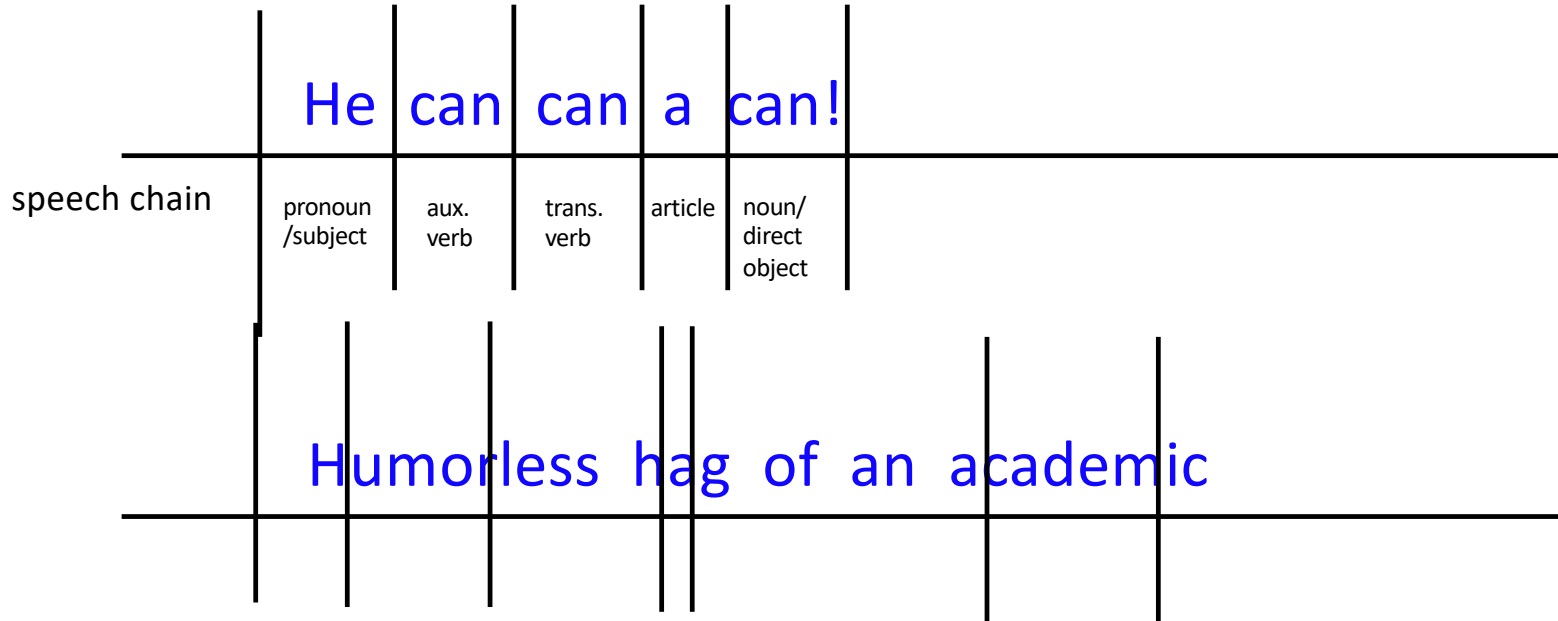
Examples??



Saussure's binary sign in language:
What does an "arbitrary" sign mean? Examples?

paradigmatic relations

commensurate signs we can use in the same slot, what could be said, and still sound grammatical.



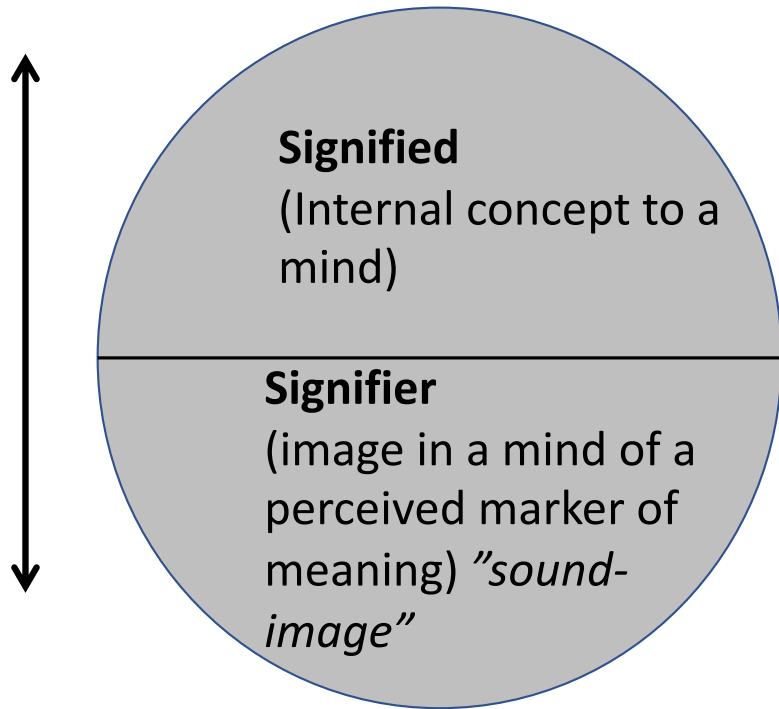
syntagmatic relations
co-occurring signs in speech, what is actually said. Choice within a slot can change other slots.

Language as a System: Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic Relations
If language is not just a pile of words, what links or “articulates” linguistic signs together? Examples?

A sign, or *representamen*, is [1] something which stands [2] for something [3] to *somebody in some respect or capacity*.

Peirce's Triadic Sign

How is this different from Saussure's sign? Examples?



Saussure's binary sign

Agar, p. 41

Peirce's sign relations Other examples?



"Glue": what links the signifier and signifier for particular people in particular contexts?

Perceived resemblance: an **icon**
(the form and context of the signifier suggests something about the signified)
A painting

Perceived cause or indication: an **index**
(the form and context of the signifier suggest something about the signified)
smoke

Arbitrary convention: a **symbol**
(the form of the signifier suggests nothing about the signified)
"sister"

Peircean Sign-Relations (open, triadic sign)

