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What is illocutionary speech act

What is illocutionary speech act and examples. What are the five illocutionary points in the speech act theory. What is the meaning of illocutionary act (speech). 5 examples of illocutionary speech act.

TYPES OF SPEECH-ACTS

- Here are some examples of speech acts we use or hear every day:
- Greeting:** "Hi, Eric. How are things going?"
- Request:** "Could you pass me the mashed potatoes, please?"
- Complaint:** "I've already been waiting three weeks for the computer, and I was told it would be delivered within a week."
- Invitation:** "We're having some people over Saturday evening and wanted to know if you'd like to join us."
- Compliment:** "Hey, I really like your tie!"
- Refusal:** "Oh, I'd love to see that movie with you but this Friday just isn't going to work."

as a illocutionary act—‘informing, ordering, undertaking, &c., i.e. utterances which have a certain (conventional) force’From: Towards a Semantic Web, 2011 But on the seventh ring she answered the phone and the operator asked her to accept a collect call from Pamela. “Will you accept?” she said. “Yes, I will,” my mother said. Why it was just as if I had been wandering some Yorkshire moors for many days, through gorse and snow and sleet, even though it was practically ninety degrees outside! “Ma!” I said. “Where are you?” she said. “I’m at a pay phone,” I said, “in the middle of a store.” “So you can’t talk?” she said.

PERLOCUTIONARY ACT

Perlocutionary act

Definition:
A perlocutionary act is a speech act that produces an effect, intended or not, achieved in an **addressee** by a speaker's utterance.

Examples Here are some examples of perlocutionary acts:
Persuading
Convincing
Scaring
Insulting
Getting the addressee to do something

“Not really.” I hissed, blinking over at the man. Now that my eyes had adjusted, I saw what a mockery of humanity this guy was. Gaunt, dressed in overalls with a soiled bib, swollen nose, and greasy red-blond hair and beard – he was playing some type of board game, alone, and there was something vaguely familiar about him. “Are you at your father’s?” she said.
“Near,” I said. “And how is he?” she said. “Uh-huh,” I said “Deceased?” she said. “Uh-huh,” I said. There was a pause. “But otherwise, are you having a good time?” “I can’t hear you very well,” I said. “There’s a fly in my ear.” “Do you want me to drive there?” she said. “If I can find a substitute to teach my classes?” “No!” I said. “That would only make things worse.” Much as I loved my mother, I knew that very quickly after I saw her I would revert to adolescent behavior, due to the fact that during my adolescence I had never rebelled, and some part of me was making up for that now. “Are you depressed?” she said. “A little,” I said. “Maybe you’re getting your period,” she said. There was something strangely unsatisfying about the conversation. Maybe too much time had gone by since we had last spoken and she had changed. “Well, this isn’t much of a conversation,” she said.

- Performing action by producing an utterance has three kinds of related acts. Those are:

Locutionary Act	Illocutionary Act/Illocutionary Force	Perlocutionary Act/Perlocutionary Effect
An utterance that produces literal meaning	An utterance which has social function in mind	An utterance that gives an effect to do something

For example: *It's hot here.*

- Locutionary act:** The speaker feels hot in his place.
- Illocutionary act:** The utterance has two possible meanings inside
 - An indirect request for someone to open the window.
 - An indirect refusal to close the window because someone is cold
- Perlocutionary act:** The hearer will open/close the window

"I guess you can't talk." "That's right," I said. "Something remarkable has happened here," she said. "What?" I said. "One of my students put her blue jeans in the washing machine and when she opened it she discovered a British Revolutionary War uniform. It's in excellent condition, practically new, and we're going to take it to the costume and clothing department of the Metropolitan Museum." "Aw, Ma," I said. "She probably had one lying around or made it." "I don't think so," she said. It would be impossible to fake it; they can do tests to determine its age through the fabric." "So what do you think happened?" I said. "I believe the washing machine was temporarily attached to some conduit opening onto the past. Now somebody in the Revolutionary War has a pair of new Levi's." "If only something like that would happen to me!" I said. "I know," my mother said. "I would give anything for just one experience like that. Or if aliens landed and took me in their spacecraft, and injected me with some painful substance and then deposited me on the highway!" "Have you seen any spacecraft out there?" my mother said.
"No," I said. "Why don't you and Abdhul go out at night and look?" she said. "Mm," I said, keeping one eye on Silas Marner. He was really rank, too, just my luck. Didn't it offend him to live with his own odor, or did he enjoy it? It reminded me of a man I had once found through an ad in the local paper to type some of my essays and my thesis in college. He had smelled, too. Human beings were very odd, I had forgotten this after being away from them in the woods. "You really should keep your eyes out," my mother said. "I was just reading, how recently the CIA captured an alien, and apparently he's escaped. I'd send you the clipping, if you had a mailing address." "Does the alien – have a strong scent?" I said in a hiss. "What are you saying?" my mother said. "Does somebody there smell?" "Yes!" I said triumphantly. That was all the proof I needed just now that my mother and I were still attuned to one another. In speech-act theory, illocutionary force refers to a speaker's intention in delivering an utterance or to the kind of illocutionary act the speaker is performing.

Theory of speech/Acts:

Exchange:
Boyfriend and girlfriend are bored on a Saturday night. The girlfriend says "let's go to the movie!" and the boyfriend replies:

Locutionary Act: The Form: •Negative sentence •Declarative sentence •Present tense •Subject (1 st person singular)	I don't have any money	Illocutionary Act: The Function: •A boyfriend's excuse to go out with his girlfriend: 1. maybe he is tired or 2. he doesn't like the movie she selected.
	Perlocutionary Act: The Result: •The girl could decide to forget about going out. •She tells him she has money. •She goes alone.	

Also known as an illocutionary function or illocutionary point.

- On any occasion, the action performed by producing an utterance will consist of **three related acts**.
- these are the **locutionary, the illocutionary, and the perlocutionary acts**.

The locutionary, illocutionary and perlocutionary acts are, in fact, three basic components with the help of which a speech act is formed. (Leech, 1983: 199)

Leech briefly defines them:

locutionary act: performing an act *of* saying something

illocutionary act: performing an act *in* saying something

perlocutionary act: performing an act *by* saying something.

In Syntax: Structure, Meaning, and Function (1997), Van Vallin and LaPolla state that illocutionary force “refers to whether an utterance is an assertion, a question, a command or an expression of a wish. These are different types of illocutionary force, which means that we can talk about interrogative illocutionary force, imperative illocutionary force, optative illocutionary force, and declarative illocutionary force.” The terms illocutionary act and illocutionary force were introduced by British linguistic philosopher John L. Austin in How to Do Things With Words (1962). “[A]n illocutionary act refers to the type of function a speaker intends to accomplish in the course of producing an utterance. It is an act accomplished in speaking and defined within a system of social conventions. Thus, if John says to Mary Pass me the glasses, please, he performs the illocutionary act of requesting or ordering Mary to hand the glasses over to him. The functions or actions just mentioned are also referred to as the illocutionary force or illocutionary point of the speech act. The illocutionary force of a speech act is the effect a speech act is intended to have by a speaker. Indeed, the term ‘speech act’ in its narrow sense is often taken to refer specifically to illocutionary act.” (Van Huang, The Oxford Dictionary of Pragmatics, Oxford University Press, 2012) “There are different devices used to indicate how an illocutionary force must be interpreted. For example, ‘Open the door’ and ‘Could you open the door’ have the same propositional content (open the door), but they represent different illocutionary acts—an order and a request respectively. These devices that aid the hearer in identifying the illocutionary force of the utterance are referred to as the illocutionary force indicating devices or IFIDs [also called illocutionary force markers]. Performative verbs, mood, word order, intonation, stress are examples of IFIDs.” (Elizabeth Flores Salgado, The Pragmatics of Requests and Apologies, John Benjamins, 2011) “I may indicate the kind of illocutionary act I am performing by beginning the sentence with ‘I apologize,’ ‘I warn,’ ‘I state,’ etc. Often, in actual speech situations, the context will make it clear what the illocutionary force of the utterance is, without its being necessary to invoke the appropriate explicit illocutionary force indicator.” (John R. Searle, Speech Acts: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language, Cambridge University Press, 1969) Kenneth Parcell: I'm sorry, Mr. Jordan. I'm just overworked. With my page duties and being Mr. Donaghy's assistant, there's not enough hours in the day. Tracy Jordan: I'm sorry about that. But just let me know if there's any way I can help. Kenneth: Actually, there is one thing... Tracy: No! I was just saying that! Why can't you read human facial cues (Jack McBrayer and Tracy Morgan, “Cutbacks,” 30 Rock, April 9, 2009) “Achieving pragmatic competence involves the ability to understand the illocutionary force of an utterance, that is, what a speaker intends by making it. This is particularly important in cross-cultural encounters since the same form (e.g. ‘When are you leaving?’) can vary in its illocutionary force depending on the context in which it is made (e.g. ‘May I have a ride with you?’ or ‘Don't you think it is time for you to go?’).” (Sandra Lee McKay, Teaching English as an International Language, Oxford University Press, 2002) “When I say ‘how are you’ to a co-worker, I really mean hello. Although I know what I mean by ‘how are you,’ it is possible that the receiver does not know that I mean hello and actually proceeds to give me a fifteen-minute discourse on his various maladies.” (George Ritzer, Sociology: A Multiple Paradigm Science, Allyn & Bacon, 1980) In speech-act theory, the term illocutionary act refers to the use of a sentence to express an attitude with a certain function or “force,” called an illocutionary force, which differs from locutionary acts in that they carry a certain urgency and appeal to the meaning and direction of the speaker. Although illocutionary acts are commonly made explicit by the use of performative verbs like “promise” or “request,” they can often be vague as in someone saying “I’ll be there,” wherein the audience cannot ascertain whether the speaker has made a promise or not. In addition, as Daniel R. Boisvert observes in “Expressivism, Nondeclarative, and Success-Conditional Semantics” that we can use sentences to “warn, congratulate, complain, predict, command, apologize, inquire, explain, describe, request, bet, marry, and adjourn, to list just a few specific kinds of illocutionary act.” The terms illocutionary act and illocutionary force were introduced by British linguistic philosopher John Austin in 1962’s “How to Do Things With Words, and for some scholars, the term illocutionary act is virtually synonymous with speech act. Acts of speech can be broken down into three categories: locutionary, illocutionary, and perlocutionary acts. In each of these, too, the acts can either be direct or indirect, which quantify how effective they are at conveying the speaker’s message to its intended audience. According to Susana Nuccetelli and Gary Seay’s “Philosophy of Language: The Central Topics,” locutionary acts are “the mere act of producing some linguistic sounds or marks with a certain meaning and reference,” but these are the least effective means of describing the acts, merely an umbrella term for the other two which can occur simultaneously. Speech acts can therefore further be broken down into locutionary and perlocutionary wherein the illocutionary act carries a directive for the audience, such as promising, ordering, apologizing and thanking. Perlocutionary acts, on the other hand, bring about consequences to the audiences such as saying “I will not be your friend.” In this instance, the impending loss of friendship is an illocutionary act while the effect of frightening the friend into compliance is a perlocutionary act. Because perlocutionary and illocutionary acts depend on the audience’s reaction to a given speech, the relationship between speaker and listener is important to understand in the context of such acts of speech. Etsuko Oishi wrote in “Apologies,” that “the importance of the speaker’s intention in performing an illocutionary act is unquestionable, but, in communication, the utterance becomes an illocutionary act only when the hearer takes the utterance as such.” By this, Oishi means that although the speaker’s act may always be an illocutionary one, the listener can choose to not interpret that way, therefore redefining the cognitive configuration of their shared outer world. Given this observation, the old adage “know your audience” becomes especially relevant in understanding discourse theory, and indeed in composing a good speech or speaking well in general. In order for the illocutionary act to be effective, the speaker must use language which his or her audience will understand as intended.