

8.2.xa. Exercise answers

1. a. *Everyone has seen a bear*

Everyone is such that (he or she has seen a bear)

$(\forall x: x \text{ is a person})$ *x has seen a bear*

$(\forall x: Px)$ *a bear is such that (x has seen it)*

$(\forall x: Px) (\exists y: y \text{ is a bear})$ *x has seen y*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x: Px) (\exists y: By) Sxy \\ & \forall x (Px \rightarrow \exists y (By \wedge Sxy)) \end{aligned}$$

[B: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a bear})$; P: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a person})$; S: $\lambda xy (x \text{ has seen } y)$]

b. *Everyone was talking about a certain movie*

A certain movie is such that (everyone was talking about it)

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a movie})$ *everyone was talking about x*

$(\exists x: Mx)$ *everyone is such that (he or she was talking about x)*

$(\exists x: Mx) (\forall y: y \text{ is a person})$ *y was talking about x*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\exists x: Mx) (\forall y: Py) Tyx \\ & \exists x (Mx \wedge \forall y (Py \rightarrow Tyx)) \end{aligned}$$

[M: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a movie})$; P: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a person})$; T: $\lambda xy (x \text{ was talking about } y)$]

c. *A capital was chosen by each state*

Each state is such that (a capital was chosen by it)

$(\forall x: x \text{ is a state})$ *a capital was chosen by x*

$(\forall x: Sx)$ *a capital is such that (it was chosen by x)*

$(\forall x: Sx) (\exists y: y \text{ is a capital})$ *y was chosen by x*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x: Sx) (\exists y: Cy) Hyx \\ & \forall x (Sx \rightarrow \exists y (Cy \wedge Hyx)) \end{aligned}$$

[C: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a capital})$; H: $\lambda xy (x \text{ was chosen by } y)$; S: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a state})$]

- d. *There is a capital that was chosen by each state*
Something is a capital that was chosen by each state
Something is such that (it is a capital that was chosen by each state)

$\exists x$ *x is a capital that was chosen by each state*
 $\exists x$ (*x is a capital* \wedge *x was chosen by each state*)
 $\exists x$ (*Cx* \wedge *each state is such that (x was chosen by it)*)
 $\exists x$ (*Cx* \wedge ($\forall y$: *y is a state*) *x was chosen by y*)

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x (Cx \wedge (\forall y: Sy) Hxy) \\ & \exists x (Cx \wedge \forall y (Sy \rightarrow Hxy)) \end{aligned}$$

[*C*: λx (*x is a capital*); *H*: λxy (*x was chosen by y*); *S*: λx (*x is a state*)]

- e. *Someone who no reporter knew leaked the information*
Someone who no reporter knew is such that (he or she leaked the information)

($\exists x$: *x is a person who no reporter knew*) *x* *leaked the information*
($\exists x$: *x is a person* \wedge *no reporter knew x*) *Lxi*
($\exists x$: *Px* \wedge *no reporter is such that (he or she knew x)*) *Lxi*
($\exists x$: *Px* \wedge ($\forall y$: *y is a reporter*) \neg *y knew x*) *Lxi*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\exists x: Px \wedge (\forall y: Ry) \neg Kyx) Lxi \\ & \exists x ((Px \wedge \forall y (Ry \rightarrow \neg Kyx)) \wedge Lxi) \\ & \text{or: } (\exists x: Px \wedge \neg (\exists y: Ry) Kyx) Lxi \end{aligned}$$

[*K*: λxy (*x knew y*); *L*: λx (*x leaked y*); *P*: λx (*x is a person*); *R*: λx (*x is a reporter*); *i*: *the information*]

- f. *A head of a horse is the head of a mammal*
Every head of a horse is such that (it is the head of a mammal)
($\forall x$: *x is the head of a horse*) *x is the head of a mammal*
($\forall x$: *a horse is such that (x is the head of it)*) *a mammal is such that (x is the head of it)*

($\forall x$: ($\exists y$: *y is a horse*) *x* *is the head of y*) ($\exists z$: *z* *is a mammal*) *x* *is the head of z*
($\forall x$: ($\exists y$: *Hy*) *x = the head of y*) ($\exists z$: *Mz*) *x = the head of z*

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x: (\exists y: Hy) x = hy) (\exists z: Mz) x = hz \\ & \forall x (\exists y (Hy \wedge x = hy) \rightarrow \exists z (Mz \wedge x = hz)) \\ & \text{or: } (\forall x: (\exists y: Hy) Dxy) (\exists z: Mz) Dxz \end{aligned}$$

[*D*: λxy (*x is a head of y*); *H*: λx (*x is a horse*); *M*: λx (*x is a mammal*); *h*: λx (*the head of x*)]

In this interpretation, which seems most natural given the content of the sentence, *a* is understood to indicate a generalization rather than a claim of exemplification. That is, it amounts to *any* in a use that is equivalent to *every* rather than in contrast with it. It appears in a location where *any* would not contrast with *every*, so if the sentence were understood to make a claim of exemplification, substituting *any* for *a* would change the meaning.

- g. *Everyone who has seen a rainbow has seen a rainstorm*
Everyone who has seen a rainbow is such that (he or she has seen a rainstorm)

$(\forall x: x \text{ is person who has seen a rainbow})$ *x has seen a rainstorm*

$(\forall x: x \text{ is person} \wedge x \text{ has seen a rainbow})$ *a rainstorm is such that (x has seen it)*

$(\forall x: x \text{ is person} \wedge a \text{ rainbow is such that (x has seen it)})$ $(\exists z: z \text{ is a rainstorm})$ *x has seen z*

$(\forall x: x \text{ is person} \wedge (\exists y: y \text{ is a rainbow})$ *x has seen y*) $(\exists z: Rz)$
 Sxz

$$(\forall x: Px \wedge (\exists y: Ry) Sxy) (\exists z: Tz) Sxz \\ \forall x ((Px \wedge \exists y (Ry \wedge Sxy)) \rightarrow \exists z (Tz \wedge Sxz))$$

[P: λx (*x is a person*); R: λx (*x is a rainbow*); S: λxy (*x has seen y*); T: λx (*x is a rainstorm*)]

- h. *Every child was given a toy by each Santa*
Every child is such that (he or she was given a toy by each Santa)

$(\forall x: x \text{ is a child})$ *x was given a toy by each Santa*

$(\forall x: Cx)$ *each Santa is such that (x was given a toy by him or her)*

$(\forall x: Cx)$ $(\forall y: y \text{ is a Santa})$ *x was given a toy by y*

$(\forall x: Cx)$ $(\forall y: Sy)$ *a toy is such that (x was given it by y)*

$(\forall x: Cx)$ $(\forall y: Sy)$ $(\exists z: z \text{ is a toy})$ *x was given z by y*

$$(\forall x: Cx) (\forall y: Sy) (\exists z: Tz) Gxzy \\ \forall x (Cx \rightarrow \forall y (Sy \rightarrow \exists z (Tz \wedge Gxzy)))$$

[C: λx (*x is a child*); G: λxyz (*x was given y by z*); S: λx (*x is a Santa*); T: λx (*x is a toy*)]

Notice that, in spite of the capitalization, *Santa* is not used here as a proper name but instead as a sort of job title. As a result it is represented not by an individual term but instead by a predicate. For representation by an individual term to be appropriate, it would have to be possible to paraphrase the sentence using *each thing that is Santa* rather than *each thing that is a Santa*.

- i. *There is a toy that every child was given by each Santa*
Something is a toy that every child was given by each Santa
 $\exists x$ *x is a toy that every child was given x by each Santa*
 $\exists x (x \text{ is a toy} \wedge \text{every child was given } x \text{ by each Santa})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge \text{every child is such that (he or she was given } x \text{ by each Santa)})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: y \text{ is a child}) y \text{ was given } x \text{ by each Santa})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: Cy) \text{ each Santa is such that (y was given } x \text{ by him or her)})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: Cy) (\forall z: z \text{ is a Santa}) y \text{ was given } x \text{ by } z)$

$$\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: Cy) (\forall z: Sz) Gyxz)$$

$$\exists x (Tx \wedge \forall y (Cy \rightarrow \forall z (Sz \rightarrow Gyxz)))$$

[C: λx (x is a child); G: λxyz (x was given y by z); S: λx (x is a Santa); T: λx (x is a toy)]

2. a. $\forall x \exists y$ *x depends on y*
 $\forall x$ *something is such that (x depends on it)*
 $\forall x$ *x depends on something*
Everything is such that (it depends on something)
Everything depends on something
- b. $\exists x \forall y$ *x depends on y*
 $\exists x$ *everything is such that (x depends on it)*
 $\exists x$ *x depends on everything*
Something is such that (it depends on everything)
Something depends on everything
- c. $\forall x \exists y$ *y depends on x*
 $\forall x$ *something is such that (it depends on x)*
 $\forall x$ *something depends on x*
Everything is such that something depends on it
or: Everything has something depending on it
or (perhaps): Something or other depends on each thing
- d. $\exists x \forall y$ *y depends on x*
 $\exists x$ *everything is such that (it depends on x)*
 $\exists x$ *everything depends on x*
Something is such that everything depends on it
or: Something has everything depending on it
or: There is something that everything depends on
or (perhaps): All things depend on a certain thing

- e. $(\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge x \text{ is humble}) (\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) x \text{ admires } y$
 $(\forall x: x \text{ is a humble person}) \text{ someone is such that } (x \text{ admires him or her})$
 $(\forall x: x \text{ is a humble person}) x \text{ admires someone}$
Every humble person is such that (he or she admires someone)

Every humble person admires someone

or: Everyone who is humble admires someone

- f. $(\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge x \text{ is humble}) x \text{ admires } y$
 $(\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) (\forall x: x \text{ is a humble person}) x \text{ admires } y$
 $(\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) \text{ every humble person is such that } (he \text{ or she admires } y)$
 $(\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) \text{ every humble person admires } y$

Someone is such that every humble person [or: everyone who is humble] admires him or her

or: Someone has every humble person admiring him or her

or: There is someone [or: a person] who every humble person admires

or (perhaps): All who are humble admire a certain person

- g. $\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge (\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) x \text{ admires } y) x \text{ is humble}$
 $\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge \text{ someone is such that } (x \text{ admires him or her})) x \text{ is humble}$
 $\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge x \text{ admires someone}) x \text{ is humble}$
 $\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person who admires someone}) x \text{ is humble}$
 $\neg \text{ everyone who admires someone is such that } (he \text{ or she is humble})$
 $\neg \text{ everyone who admires someone is humble}$

Not everyone who admires someone is humble

or: Not everyone who admires anyone is humble

- h.** $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person}) (\forall y: y \text{ is a person} \wedge y \text{ has seen } x) x \text{ has seen } y$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person}) (\forall y: y \text{ is a person who has seen } x) x \text{ has seen } y$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person}) \text{ everyone who has seen } x \text{ is such that } (x \text{ has seen him or her})$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person}) x \text{ has seen everyone who has seen } x$
 $\neg \text{ someone is such that (he or she has seen everyone who has seen him or her)}$
 $\neg \text{ someone has seen everyone who has seen him or her}$

No one has seen everyone who has seen him or her

- i.** $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge (\forall y: \neg (y \text{ is a person} \wedge y \text{ has spoken to } x)) \neg x \text{ has spoken to } y) x \text{ is an extrovert}$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge (\forall y: \neg y \text{ is a person who has spoken to } x) \neg x \text{ has spoken to } y) x \text{ is an extrovert}$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge \text{ only people who have spoken to } x \text{ are such that } (x \text{ has spoken to them})) x \text{ is an extrovert}$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge x \text{ has spoken only to people who have spoken to } x) x \text{ is an extrovert}$
 $\neg (\exists x: x \text{ is a person who has spoken only to people who have spoken to him or her}) x \text{ is an extrovert}$
 $\neg \text{ someone who has spoken only to people who have spoken to him or her is such that (he or she is an extrovert)}$
 $\neg \text{ someone who has spoken only to people who have spoken to him or her is an extrovert}$

No one who has spoken only to people who have spoken to him or her is an extrovert