

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*

$$(\forall x: Px) (\exists y: By) Sxy$$
$$\forall x (Px \rightarrow \exists y (By \wedge Sxy))$$

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

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*

$$(\exists x: Mx) (\forall y: Py) Tyx$$
$$\exists x (Mx \wedge \forall y (Py \rightarrow Tyx))$$

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

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*

$$(\forall x: Sx) (\exists y: Cy) Hyx$$
$$\forall x (Sx \rightarrow \exists y (Cy \wedge Hyx))$$

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

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*

$\exists x (x \text{ is a capital} \wedge x \text{ was chosen by each state})$

$\exists x (Cx \wedge \text{each state is such that } (x \text{ was chosen by it}))$

$\exists x (Cx \wedge (\forall y: y \text{ is a state}) x \text{ was chosen by } y)$

$\exists x (Cx \wedge (\forall y: Sy) Hxy)$

$\exists x (Cx \wedge \forall y (Sy \rightarrow Hxy))$

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

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

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a person who no reporter knew}) \underline{x} \text{ leaked } \underline{\text{the information}}$

$(\exists x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge \text{no reporter knew } x) Lxi$

$(\exists x: Px \wedge \text{no reporter is such that (he or she knew } x)) Lxi$

$(\exists x: Px \wedge (\forall y: y \text{ is a reporter}) \neg y \text{ knew } x) Lxi$

$(\exists x: Px \wedge (\forall y: Ry) \neg Kyx) Lxi$

$\exists x ((Px \wedge \forall y (Ry \rightarrow \neg Kyx)) \wedge Lxi)$

or: $(\exists x: Px \wedge \neg (\exists y: Ry) Kyx) Lxi$

[K: $\lambda xy (x \text{ knew } y)$; L: $\lambda x (x \text{ leaked } y)$; P: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a person})$; R: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a reporter})$; 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)

$(\forall x: x \text{ is the head of a horse}) x \text{ is the head of a mammal}$

$(\forall x: a \text{ horse is such that } (x \text{ is the head of it)}) a \text{ mammal is such that } (x \text{ is the head of it})$

$(\forall x: (\exists y: \underline{y} \text{ is a horse}) \underline{x} \text{ is } \underline{\text{the head of } y}) (\exists z: \underline{z} \text{ is a mammal}) \underline{x} \text{ is the head of } \underline{z}$

$(\forall x: (\exists y: Hy) x = \text{the head of } y) (\exists z: Mz) x = \text{the head of } z$

$(\forall x: (\exists y: Hy) x = hy) (\exists z: Mz) x = hz$

$\forall x (\exists y (Hy \wedge x = hy) \rightarrow \exists z (Mz \wedge x = hz))$

or: $(\forall x: (\exists y: Hy) Dxy) (\exists z: Mz) Dxz$

[D: $\lambda xy (x \text{ is a head of } y)$; H: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a horse})$; M: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a mammal})$; h: $\lambda x (\text{the head of } x)$]

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[P: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a person})$; R: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a rainbow})$; S: $\lambda xy (x \text{ has seen } y)$; T: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a rainstorm})$]

- 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[C: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a child})$; G: $\lambda xyz (x \text{ was given } y \text{ by } z)$; S: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a Santa})$; T: $\lambda x (x \text{ is a toy})$]

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

$\exists x x \text{ is a toy that every child was given by each Santa}$

$\exists x (x \text{ is a toy} \wedge \text{every child was given } x \text{ by each Santa})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge \text{every child is such that (he or she was given } x \text{ by each Santa)})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: y \text{ is a child}) y \text{ was given } x \text{ by each Santa})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: Cy) \text{ each Santa is such that (y was given } x \text{ by him or her)})$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: Cy) (\forall z: z \text{ is a Santa}) y \text{ was given } x \text{ by } z)$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge (\forall y: Cy) (\forall z: Sz) Gyxz)$
 $\exists x (Tx \wedge \forall y (Cy \rightarrow \forall z (Sz \rightarrow Gyxz)))$

$[C: \lambda x (x \text{ is a child}); G: \lambda xyz (x \text{ was given } y \text{ by } z); S: \lambda x (x \text{ is a Santa}); T: \lambda x (x \text{ is a toy})]$

2. a. $\forall x \exists y x \text{ depends on } y$
 $\forall x \text{ something is such that (} x \text{ depends on it)}$
 $\forall x x \text{ depends on something}$
Everything is such that (it depends on something)
Everything depends on something
- b. $\exists x \forall y x \text{ depends on } y$
 $\exists x \text{ everything is such that (} x \text{ depends on it)}$
 $\exists x x \text{ depends on everything}$
Something is such that (it depends on everything)
Something depends on everything
- c. $\forall x \exists y y \text{ depends on } x$
 $\forall x \text{ something is such that (it depends on } x)$
 $\forall x \text{ something depends on } x$
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. $\exists x \forall y y \text{ depends on } x$
 $\exists x \text{ everything is such that (it depends on } x)$
 $\exists x \text{ everything depends on } x$
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.** $(\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge x \text{ is humble}) x \text{ admires } y$

$(\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) (\forall x: x \text{ is a humble person}) x \text{ admires } y$
($\exists y: y \text{ is a person}$) every humble person is such that (he 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.** $\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge (\exists y: y \text{ is a person}) x \text{ admires } y) x \text{ is humble}$

$\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge \text{someone is such that } (x \text{ admires him or her})) x \text{ is humble}$

$\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person} \wedge x \text{ admires someone}) x \text{ is humble}$

$\neg (\forall x: x \text{ is a person who admires someone}) x \text{ is humble}$

$\neg \text{everyone who admires someone is such that (he or she is humble)}$

$\neg \text{everyone who admires someone is humble}$

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 *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 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 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 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 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 is an extrovert*
- \neg *someone who has spoken only to people who have spoken to him or her is such that (he or she is an extrovert)*
- \neg *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