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- What aspects of sentence meaning are compositionally constrained?
- What do other approaches to semantics have that MRS is missing?
 - e.g. What does type theory buy us?
- How to design meaning representations that allow us to specify connections between semantic and pragmatic aspects of sentence meaning?
- How to use/improve our semantic representations for the analysis of phenomena at the syntax/semantics interface?
 - NPIs
 - Focus of only
 - Interaction of verbal dependents and aktionsart

How to show the value of sentence meaning representations for NLP?

 What do NLP people need to know about linguistic semantics and pragmatics?

 How to decide which argument positions are scopal (i.e. what tests are there)?

• Are "quantifier-centric" representations cross-linguistically appropriate?

• One bonus syntax question: Is there a non-transformational analysis of syntactic amalgams (Lakoff 1974)? e.g. *John invited you'll never guess how many people to you can imagine what kind of party.*