

Phil. 103: Introduction to Logic
Class Exercise: Varieties of Disagreements

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Directions: In each of the following interactions (1) state the fact at issue in emotively neutral language, and (2) identify the kinds of agreement or disagreement present.

1. John: The Robinson's talk is so boring—all they can talk about are plants and food.
Mary: They are delightful; they always have such interesting cooking and garden tips.

Fact at Issue:

Belief:

Attitude:

How Resolved:

2. John: Well, Mr. Robinson never tells the truth about how well he gardens.
Mary: Well, in my opinion, Mr. Robinson does not tell outright lies; he just uses highly creative descriptions.

Fact at Issue:

Belief:

Attitude:

How Resolved:

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3. John: And Mrs. Robinson is such a chatterbox; if I have to listen to her again, I'll go bananas.
Mary: She is not! I think that she is refreshingly outgoing and stimulating.

Fact at Issue:

Belief:

Attitude:

How Resolved:

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