

# Contents

## PART I: OUR LANGUAGE AND OURSELVES

<i>Chapter 1. The Shape of the Problems</i>	3
1. A Preliminary Map	3
2. Kinds of Question	7
3. Semantic Descriptions	10
4. Further Points about Words and Languages	18
5. Rules and Psychology	26
<i>Notes</i>	37
<i>Chapter 2. How is Meaning Possible? (1)</i>	39
1. Representation and the Dog-leg	39
2. Images	45
3. An Innate Representative Medium?	51
4. Radical Interpretation: Manifesting Meaning	57
<i>Notes</i>	67
<i>Chapter 3. How is Meaning Possible? (2)</i>	69
1. Describing: Three Ways of Being Odd	69
2. Bent Predicates: Wittgenstein and Goodman	74
3. Wooden Communities: Uses and Ways of Life	82
4. Privacy and Practice	92
5. Exercising Mental Concepts	103
<i>Notes</i>	107
<i>Chapter 4. Conventions, Intentions, Thoughts</i>	110
1. Grice's Approach	110
2. Openness and Communication	114
3. Convention	118
4. Force	122
5. The Place of System: Homeric Struggles	127
6. Deferential Conventions	130
7. Thought Again	134
<i>Notes</i>	141

## PART II: LANGUAGE AND THE WORLD

<i>Chapter 5. Realism and Variations</i>	145
1. Oppositions to Realism	145
2. Rejection	148
3. Reduction	151
4. The Holistic Objection	158
5. The Status Problem	163
6. Expressive Theories: Contrasts with Truth	167
7. Metaphor and Truth	171
<i>Notes</i>	179
✕ <i>Chapter 6. Evaluations, Projections, and Quasi-Realism</i>	181
1. More Detailed Motivations	181
2. Frege's Argument	189
3. Constructing Truth	197
4. Interlude: Bivalence, Fiction, Law	203
5. Other Anti-Realisms: Causes, Counterfactuals, Idealism	210
6. Mind-Dependence	217
<i>Notes</i>	220
<i>Chapter 7. Correspondence, Coherence, and Pragmatism</i>	224
1. Vacuity and the Quietist Regress	224
2. Transparency: Dummett and Frege	226
3. Redundancy: Ramsey and Wittgenstein	229
4. Facts and Judgement: Kant	233
5. Coherence: Russell, Bradley, and Peirce	235
6. What is Right about Correspondence?	243
7. Epistemology Regained	248
8. Truth Again	256
<i>Notes</i>	257
<i>Chapter 8. Truth and Semantics</i>	261
1. Truth theories: Tarski's Suggestion	261
2. Truth-in-L and Convention T	264
3. Top-Down and Bottom-Up	273
4. Radical Interpretation Again	277

5. Truth and Extensionality	281
6. Composition, Logic, Translation	293
Notes	300
<i>Chapter 9. Reference</i>	302
1. Reference versus Description	302
2. Putnam's Strategy: Spinning the Possible Worlds	310
3. Singular Thought Theories	316
4. Singular Thoughts and Method	322
5. Modes of Presentation and Substitutivity Problems	328
6. The Contingent <i>A Priori</i> and Negative Existentials	333
7. The Right Relation	337
8. Perspectival Thinking	340
Notes	345
Glossary	351
Bibliography	355
Index	365