Big ideas

Lesson 1

What is semiotics?

What is a sign?

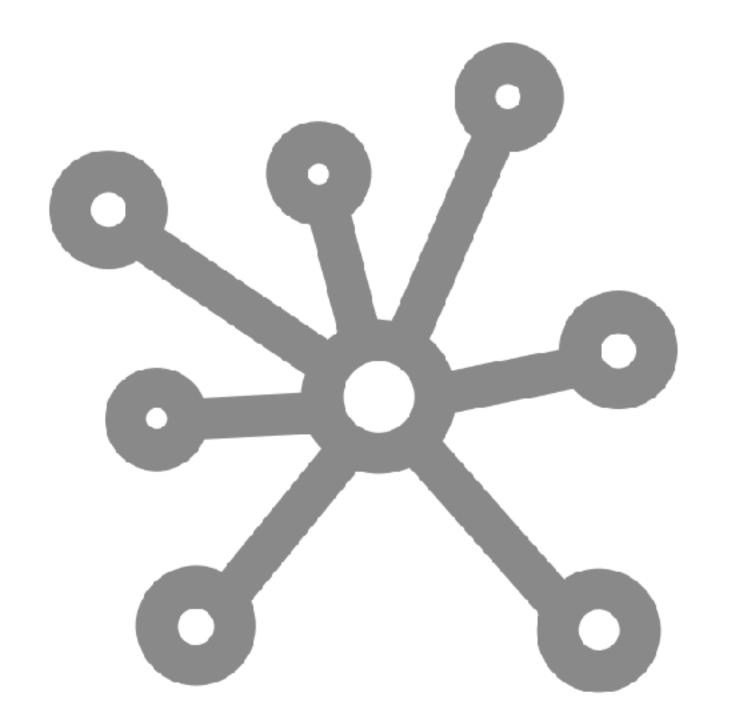


What is a signified?

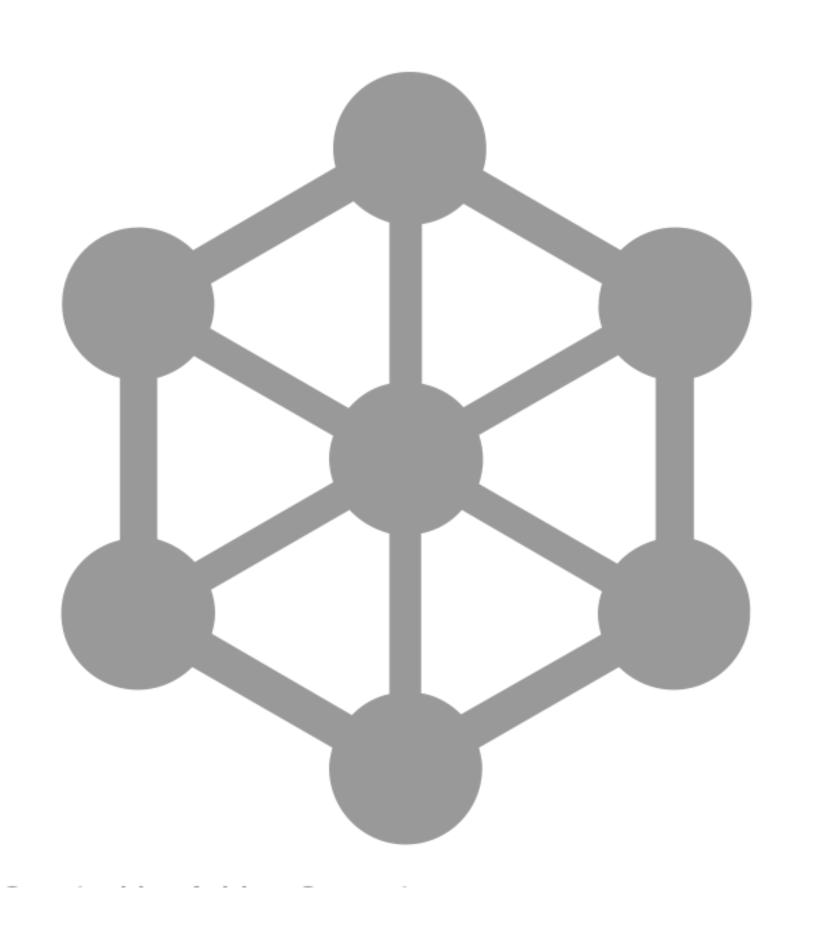


What is a signifier?

What is the connection between linguistics and semiotics?



What is a system?



Our task

Understand the key terms of basic semiotics.

Identify signs.

Understand Saussure's basic ideas on semiotics, and their limitations.

Classify signs.



What's the point?

To gain a powerful tool for understanding and creating meaning.

