

## **Starters...**

Vicious dogs killed my cat.

White cars enjoy my preference.

Long walks made his day.

The concept of **interpretation domains** : units which, on their own, seem to be candidates for interpretation :

NPs, VPs, Ss

white cars, vicious dogs, long walks, my cat, my preference, his day

killed my cat, enjoy my preference, made his day

vicious dogs killed my cat, white cars enjoy my preference, long walks made his day

intersection procedures : vicious\_things and dog\_things / white\_things  
and car\_things /

my\_things and cat\_things /

my\_things and preference\_things / his\_things  
and day\_things

'Action' readings : a killing, an enjoying, a making

Words not used as building blocks everywhere : enjoy+my+preference  
rather than

enjoy + my + preference

made\_his\_day ß make one's day (made+his+day)

white cars enjoy my preference à I prefer white cars

Interpretation of 'prefer' : interpretation of the background against which the preference makes sense :

white cars / non-white cars : red, blue, etc.

(what part or parts of the car need to be white ?)

I prefer roses (to other FLOWERS / to other GIFTS / to other ???)

The classes (categories) roses belong to are, conceptually, infinite. The bundling of roses with carnations or tulips, or bottles of wine and boxes of chocolates,

is part of our understanding of 'roses'.

'She enjoyed his preference' (sexual reading ; Google example) – the « literal » reading is secondary here, needs to be retrieved ;

standard DOES NOT mean literal in a huge nber of cases