

Self-Referential Sentences

SENTENCES WHICH REFER TO THEMSELVES

- *This sentence no verb.*
- *This sentence is false.*
- *"Yields falsehood when preceded by its quotation" yields falsehood when preceded by its quotation.*
- *"is a sentence with no subject" is a sentence with no subject.*
- *This sentence totally fails in its attempt to convey the point that it is not trying to make.*
- *What do "masochism" and "amnesia" mean? Beats me! I forget!*
- *What is the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know, and I don't care!*
- *I'm not me!*
- *Don't use contractions.*
- *The first, eighth, thirteenth, fifteenth, nineteenth, twenty-third, twenty-eighth, thirty-second, thirty-eighth*
- *Try not to ever split infinitives.*
- *Always proofread to make sure you didn't any words out.*
- *This sentence is meaningless because it is self-referential.*
- *I am lying.*
- *This sentence claims to be an Epimenides paradox, but it is lying.*
- *This sentence contradicts itself; well, no, actually it doesn't.*
- *Disobey this command.*
- *This sentence contains exactly three errors.*
- *Cette phrase en français est difficile à traduire en anglais.*
- *What it is like to be asked, "What is it like to be asked, self embedded in quotes after its comma?" self-embedded in quotes after its comma?*
- *You can't have your use and mention it too.*
- *You can't have "your cake" and spell it "too."*
- *"Playing with the use-mention distinction" isn't "everything in life, you know."*
- *In order to make sense of "this sentence", you will have to ignore the quotes in "it."*
- *This is a sentence with "onions," "lettuce," "tomato," and "a side of fries to go."*
- *This is a hamburger with vowels, consonants, commas, and a period at the end.*

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