

## **Does anybody know who Manfred is?**

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This is a straightforward question with a straightforward answer. Nobody, except Manfred. The embedded question is perplexing, though. Who is Manfred? As a matter of fact this touches upon a whole family of related questions. What is Paris? Who is Orcutt? Does Pierre, or does he not, believe that Paris is beautiful? Does David Kaplan or does he not believe his pants are on fire? Or that Spiro Agnew is the most famous philosopher of the 20-th century? Does Gustav Lauben believe he is wounded or does he not? Does Rudolph Lingens know where he is? Does W.V.O. Quine know which of the possible men in the doorway he is? Does Manfred know who Zuzana is? Is she a structured meaning? If so, then who or what is Manfred? The only person, if any, who can help us out. But does anybody know who Manfred is?