

## ***Questions: From embedded clauses to speech acts***

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The tutorial will introduce in the notion of question as a linguistic object, and as a move in communication. The following topics will be covered: Types of questions (polarity, constituent, alternative questions), occurrence of questions (as embedded clauses or root clauses), the semantic modelling of questions (as functional meanings, proposition sets, partitions or relations as in inquisitive semantics), and the nature of questions as speech acts. The tutorial is oriented as a general survey, not as an in-depth treatment of specific issues. For preparation, I suggest my article on Questions in Heusinger, Maienborn & Portner (eds.), *Semantics. An international handbook of natural language meaning*. Vol. 2., 1742-1758. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/lfm1qpwc8p66ts7/Krifka 2011 Questions.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/lfm1qpwc8p66ts7/Krifka%202011%20Questions.pdf)