Sentences, utterances and propositions
utterance- any stretch of talk, by one person, before and after there is silence on the part of that person. It refers to a particular **use** of a linguistic unit; associated with parole (speech)
**sentence** - abstract and ideal string of words put together by the grammatical rules of a language. It is a grammatically complete string of words expressing a complete thought; associated with langue (language).

Conventions in semantics: quotation marks to indicate an utterance; italics to indicate a sentence or a smaller linguistic unit.
**proposition**- that part of the meaning of the utterance of a declarative sentence which describes some state of affairs. Proposition distinction involves the notion of **truth** (that’s why they’re not limited by different languages).