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Let us attack this question by asking, first, what is an explanation of the meaning of a word; what does the explanation of a word look like?

The may this question helps us is analogous to the way the question 'how do we measure a length?' helps us to understand the problem, 'what is length?'

The questions, 'what is length?', 'hat is seeming?', 'hat is the number one?' wie, produce in us a mental crump, we feel that we can't point to compthing in reply to them and yet ought to point to remething. ('we are up against one of the great sources of philosophical bewilderment; we try to find a substantive.)

Asking first, 'hat's an explanation of meaning? has two advantages. You in a sense bring the question 'that is meaning' down to earth. Yor, surely, to understand the meaning of 'explanation of meaning.' houghly; let's ask what the explanation of meaning.' houghly; let's ask what the comming, studying the greamar of the expression 'explanation of meaning.' In the word 'meaning, and will cure you of the temptation to look shout you for possibly which you might call the 'meaning.'

That one generally calls 'explanations of the meaning of a word 'conning' and will cure you of the temptation to look shout you for possibly, he divided into verbal and extensive definitions. It will be seen hater in what sense this division is only rough and provisional (and that it is, is an important point). The verbal definition, as it takes us from one workal expression to monther, in a sense gets us no further. In the certainty definition, however, we seen to make a much more real step towards heareing the meaning.

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Question Beed the cotemative definition to a word, surely it can't be essential that you should have heard the word before. It is the outersive definition' business to give it a meaning. Let us then explain the word "towe" by pointing to a posal!

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