

**Exercise:** In each of the following situations, decide what conversational maxim is violated, and what implicature rises.

1. A: Where did I leave the keys?  
B: The car is on the drive.
2. A: What do you think of Tom's behavior?  
B: Well, boys will remain boys.
3. A: I was absent on Monday. Did I miss anything important?  
B: Oh no, of course not. We never do anything important in class.
4. A: I heard you went to the theatre last night. What play did you see?  
B: Well, I watched a number of people stand on the stage in Elizabethan costumes uttering series of sentences which corresponded closely with the script of Twelfth Night.
5. A: What are your plans for this afternoon?  
B: I'm going to take the d-o-g for a w-a-l-k.
6. A: What are you baking?  
B: Be I are tee aitch dee ay wye see ay kay ee.
7. A: Are you watching this program?  
B: It is ending soon.
8. A: I'm out of petrol.  
B: How nice that you pay such close attention to important details.
9. A: Don't you think that Bill is a pain in the neck?  
B: I like your tie.
10. A: Do you want to go to the movies?  
B: My little sister is coming from a visit.
11. A: Bill and Martha are leaving tomorrow.  
B: I'll miss Martha.
12. A: Would you recommend Mr. Smith for the job?  
B: Mr. Smith is an excellent tennis player and has always been polite. He has a good handwriting too.