Translation

 Now that we have the elements of a formal language, we need to map them onto a natural language, such as English, so that we can use the formal language to do what it was designed to do, represent the underlying structure of real arguments.

Translation Scheme

- The first part of translating English sentences in to our formal language involves construction of a translation scheme, i.e. a pairing of sentence letters with sentences in the natural language.
- Make sure that the natural language sentences you pair with sentence letters are logically simple, i.e. they don't contain any of the words corresponding to any of our sentential connectives (~, &, V, →, ↔)

Negations

- If we let B translate the sentence "Bob is happy," then a few stylistic variants of the logical form ~B would include:
 - Bob is not happy.
 - Bob is unhappy.
 - It is not true that Bob is happy.
 - It is not the case that Bob is happy.
 - It is false that Bob is happy.
 - Bob fails to be happy.

Conjunctions

- If we let D translate the sentence "Descartes was a rationalist," and L translate the sentence "Locke was an empiricist," then a few stylistic variants of the logical form (D & L) would include: •
- Descartes was a rationalist and Locke was an empiricist.
- . Descartes was a rationalist, but Locke was an empiricist. •
- Descartes was a rationalist; however, Locke was an empiricist. While Descartes was a rationalist, Locke was an empiricist.
- Although Descartes was a rationalist, Locke was an empiricist.
- Descartes was a rationalist, yet Locke was an empiricist.
- Descartes was a rationalist; nevertheless, Locke was an empiricist.
- . Descartes was a rationalist even though Locke was an empiricist.
- . Descartes was a rationalist though Locke was an empiricist.
- Descartes was a rationalist; also Locke was an empiricist

Disjunctions

- Remember that the way we have defined the V is such that it's use is inclusive! So, if we were to let C translate the sentence "Carol attends college, and J translate the sentence • "Carol gets a job," then the following are a few stylistic variants of the logical form (C V J):
- Carol attends college and/or she gets a job.
- Carol attends college or she gets a job.
- Either Carol attends college or she gets a job.
- Carol attends college unless she gets a job.*

*-"Unless" is usually translated as "if not." Thus, in the fourth example above, we could equally translate the compound sentence as : ($\sim J \rightarrow C$).

Conditionals

If we let R translate the sentence "It rains," and C translate the sentence "there are clouds in the sky," then some common stylistic variants of the logical form (R \to C) are:

- If it rains, there are clouds in the sky.
- . If it rains, then there are clouds in the sky.
- There are clouds in the sky, if it rains.
- Given that it rains, there are clouds in the sky.
- . There are clouds in the sky, given that it rains.
- Assuming that it rains, there are clouds in the sky.
- There are clouds in the sky, provided that it rains. On the condition that it rains, there are clouds in the sky.
- It raining is a sufficient condition that there are clouds in the sky. Clouds in the sky are a necessary condition for it raining.

Biconditionals

- If we let N translate the sentence "Norm is a bachelor," and M translate the sentence "Norm is an unmarried male," then some common stylistic variants of the logical form (N \leftrightarrow M) are: •
- Norm is a bachelor *if and only* if he is an unmarried male.
- Norm is a bachelor is equivalent to Norm is an unmarried male.
- Norm is a bachelor *just in case* he is an unmarried male. •
- Norm is an unmarried male, which is both sufficient and necessary to his being a bachelor.