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*who is no more*

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## Preface

*Language and its workings have intrigued philosophers from antiquity. In contemporary times, in interpreting a person's linguistic behavior, a bewildering variety of theories of truth and meaning have been proposed. The philosopher's interest in language targets not only the language of a community but also the speech behavior of a single individual over a given stretch of time.*

*Besides the discussions of thought, truth, meaning, etc., as problems relating to language, there have been interesting and path breaking work on the uses of language - the acts we perform by using speech. J.L. Austin considers language as a sort of action rather than a means of stating truly and falsely.*

*Linguistic communication as envisaged by the speech act theory opened our eyes to the fact that language is not only limited to conveying information but perform a variety of different speech acts.*

*I intend to elucidate the concepts of language, speech and communication as well as their interrelations in the context of this work. Here, I have not said anything completely original. I have relied heavily on the legacy of authors writing on this subject as well as on the instructions of my supervisors, Professor Koushik Joardar and Former Professor of Philosophy, Dr. Manjulika Ghosh.*

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