

Unit 2.

Argumentos, retórica, falacias y lógica

Alumno:

Clase:

Día:

Ficha 1

Argumentar

Estructura y función de los
argumentos

Lógica

Dialéctica

Retórica

1. Summarise the content of the text in two lines.
2. Identify two of the four requirements that, according to Russel, a perfectly logical language should comply with.
3. Why are actual languages not logically perfect?

In a logically perfect language, the words in a proposition would correspond one by one with the components of the corresponding fact, with the exception of such words as "or", "not", "if", "then", which have a different function. In a logically perfect language, there will be one word and no more for every simple object, and everything that is not simple will be expressed by a combination of words, by a combination derived, of course, from the words for the simple things that enter in, one word for each simple component. A language of the sort will completely analytic, and will show at a glance the logical structure of the facts asserted or denied. [...] Actual languages are not logically perfect in this sense, and they cannot possibly be, if they are to serve the purposes of daily life. A logically perfect language [...] would not only be intolerably prolix, [...] as regards its vocabulary, it would be very largely private to enter speaker.

Bertrand Russel
"The philosophy of logical atomism"